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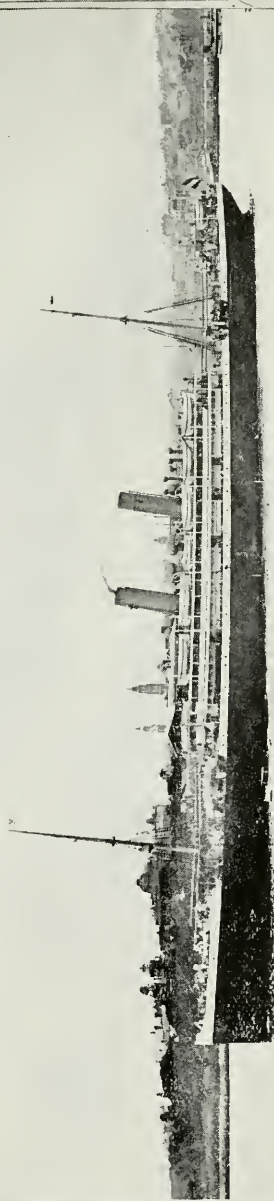
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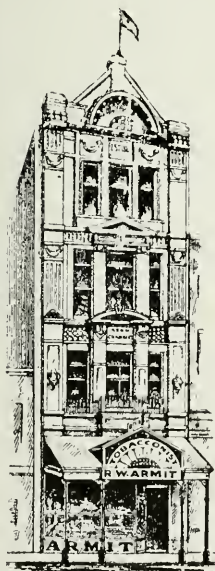
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RENEWABLE LEASE.—A lease for 66 years with perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of 66 years, at a rental of 4 per cent. on the value of the land. This rental is unalterable during the currency of the lease.

GRAZING RUNS.—A lease for twenty-one years, with right of renewal, at a rental of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the value of the land.

PASTORAL RUNS are leased by public auction for varying terms not exceeding 21 years.

Privately-owned lands are also purchased from time to time by the Crown, and after subdivision, are offered to the public on renewable lease for 33 years with perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of 33 years, at a rental of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the value of the land.

HOW TO APPLY.

Intending applicants must apply to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the district in which the land is situated, either personally or by letter, for the necessary application forms. The form, when filled, is sent to the Commissioner. If more than one applicant applies on the same day for the same section of land, the right of possession is decided by ballot.

Land guides, posters, sale plans, and particulars are supplied free at each land office throughout the Dominion. There are land offices in Auckland, Napier, New Plymouth, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Hokitika, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

Information can also be obtained from the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, whose address is Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria street, London, S.W.

AREA AVAILABLE.

The following areas are at present available for selection on the above tenures:—

Auckland District	... 401,308 acres	Marlborough District	... 640 acres
Hawke's Bay District	... 20,344 "	Westland	... 702,771 "
Taranaki	... 989 "	Canterbury	... 515 "
Wellington	... 2,561 "	Otago	... 9,300 "
Nelson	... 242,904 "	Southland	... 35,748 "

Total area 1,477,080 acres.

AREA NOT YET OPENED.

The following areas have not yet been opened for selection:—

Auckland District	... 1,716,464 acres	Marlborough District	... 59,000 acres
Hawke's Bay District	... 194,908 "	Westland	... 37,950 "
Taranaki	... 337,656 "	Canterbury	... 4,874 "
Wellington	... 371,163 "	Otago	... 70,200 "
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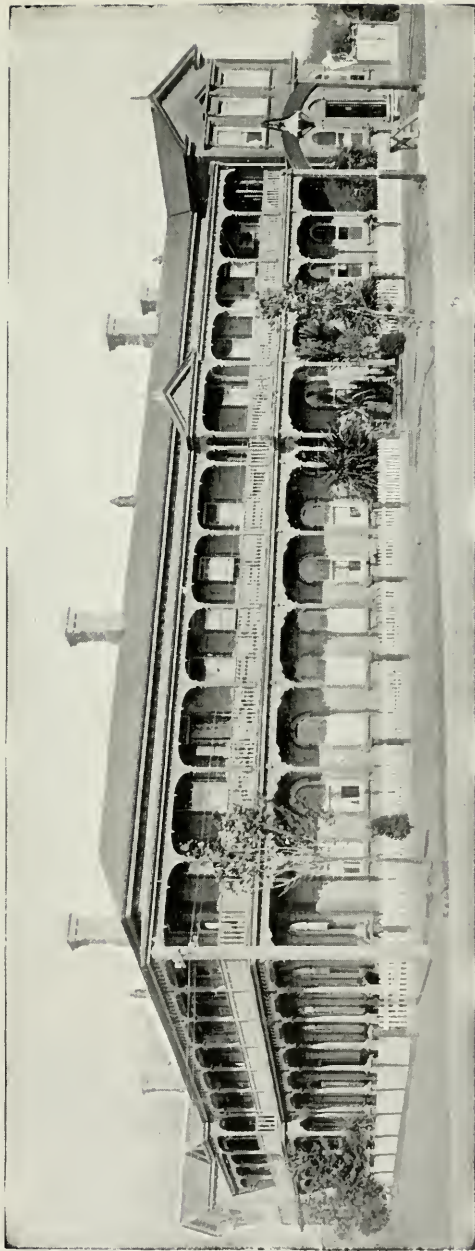
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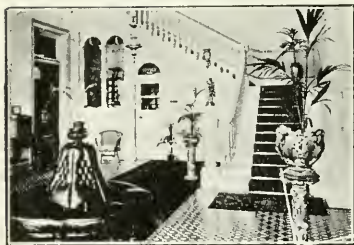


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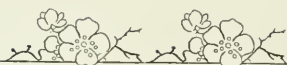


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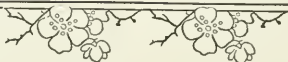


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Introduction

The compiler of this Guide has journeyed through our marvellous Maoriland from the far North even to its farthest South. He has seen and felt some of

the might—the majesty of loveliness

of our glorious lakes girt about with bush-clad hills, of snow-capped mountains frowning through the clouds, of our sublimely noble fjords, in all their solitary grandeur.

The beauty born of murmuring sound

has oft-times charmed his ear, and his soul has not been wholly insensible to those awe-inspiring evidences of volcanic power, our geysers, fumaroles, and boiling springs. Yet when he would fain write of these myriad prodigies of "our Good Mother Nature," when he would clothe the "thoughts that breathe" in the "words that burn," he is painfully conscious of the truth of Byron's lines from the *Bride of Abydos* :

Who hath not proved how feebly words essay
To fix one spark of beauty's heavenly ray?

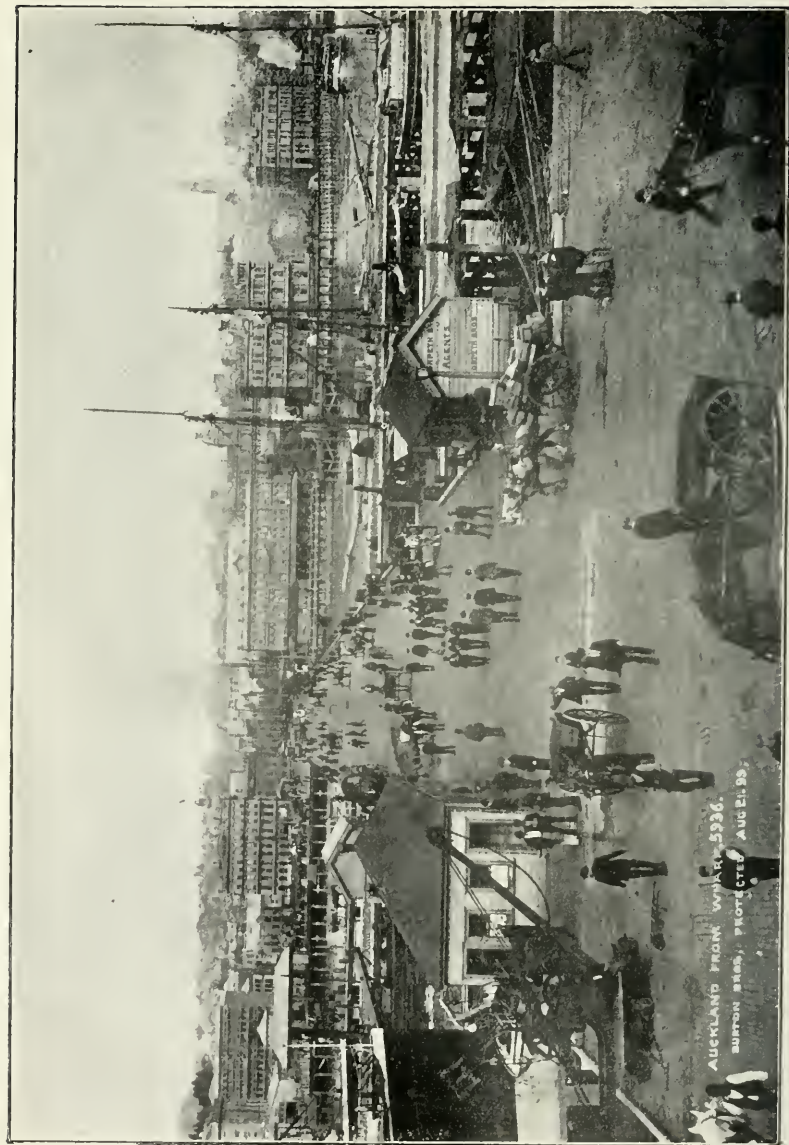
Fully recognising the impotence of mere words to convey any idea of the splendid magnificence of this wondrous country, the writer has caused the letterpress to be copiously interspersed with illustrations, which will speak much more eloquently to the reader.

The day will come to many who see this guide in Europe, Great Britain, America, or Australia, when they will say :

To-morrow to fresh woods and pastures new.

When this time arrives, those who let the "fresh woods and pastures new" be those of New Zealand, will assuredly say if they follow the course laid down in this book, "The half was never told."

In conclusion, the advice which the compiler of this admittedly faulty and imperfect work would give to his readers, is that which the Delphic Oracle gave to Polycrates, as the best means of finding a treasure buried by Xerxes' general, Mardonius, on the field of Plataea, Πάντα λίθον κίνει (*turn every stone*).



AUCKLAND FROM WHARF, 1896.
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AUCKLAND
FROM
QUEEN STREET
WHARF



Auckland

[Any particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office, Customs Street West].

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The G.P.O. is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Northern and the Auckland.

Hotels.—Grand (12s. 6d.), The Star (12s. 6d.), Central (10s. 6d.), Royal (10s.), and excellent boarding houses—"Mountnassing," and "Glen Alvon."

Principal places of Worship.—Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic (Cathedral), Wesleyan, Congregational, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.

Newspapers.— "N. Z. Herald" (published every morning), "Evening Star" (published every evening). The following are weekly papers: "Auckland Weekly News," "N.Z. Graphic," "Observer," and "Sporting Review."

Population.—Over 80,000.

Conveyances.—Electric tram-cars run from the railway station, on

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week days only, to Parnell, Newmarket, Epsom, Remuera, Mt. Eden, Newton, Ponsonby, and other places at regular intervals.

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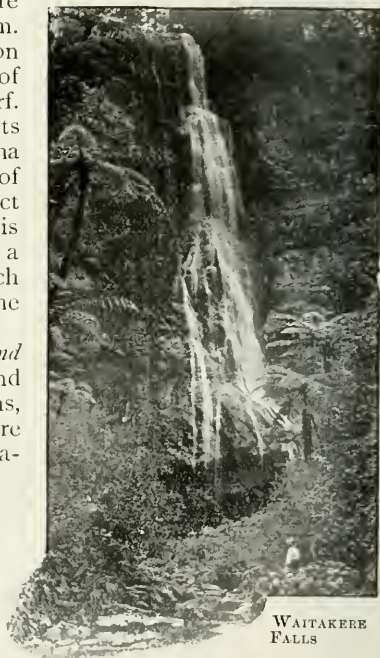
For every hour 5/-, 1 horse; 6/-, 2 horses

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Holiday Trips.—The S.S. “Clansman,” which is well equipped for passengers, leaves Auckland every Monday evening for the Bay of Islands, Whangaroa, and Mangonui, returning on Friday morning. This is a delightful trip for travellers who have only a few days at their disposal. The coastal scenery is unrivalled, and many interesting memorials of the early history of the colony may be seen *en route*. In February the Northern Company dispatch their fine steamer “Ngapuhi” for a grand pleasure cruise along this coast extending over eight days, and calling at all the most beautiful islands and harbours. This trip provides for the North Island what the Sounds trip does for the South—an opportunity of spending a summer holiday under the most pleasant conditions.

The Devonport Steam Ferry Co.—Steamers run from Auckland to the North Shore from 6.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Time tables may be had on application at the office of the company on the wharf. The fare is 6d. return. Boats also run to Lake Takapuna in the summer, and some of the Devonport boats connect with a coach running to this interesting spot. There is a good hotel at the Lake, which commands a fine view of the surrounding country.

Railways, Steamers, and Coaches.—As the fares, and times of departure of trains, steamers, and coaches, are necessarily liable to altera-



WAITAKERE
FALLS



NORTH SHORE, AUCKLAND



NIHOTUPU FALLS, NEAR AUCKLAND

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beautiful drives in the neighbourhood of Auckland, and a buggy, landau, or drag, may be hired at reasonable rates by the hour, or for the day. The drive to Mt. Eden, with its bowl-shaped extinct crater, through Remuera and Epsom, is one that should on no account be missed. It can be done very comfortably in two hours and a half, and the panorama from the top of the mountain is one of striking beauty. Another interesting route is through Onehunga and Mangere; the country is volcanic, and the land is fertile. A pleasant four hours' trip is to Panmure and St. Helier's. There is a good view of the harbour all the way. Cornwall Park (or One-Tree Hill), a beautiful domain, may be visited *en route*. Longer drives may also be taken: To the Nihotupu Falls, about 18 miles from the city; the scenery near the falls is beautiful, and the famous Kauri

tion, such information will not appear in these pages, and the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table, or Government Tourist Department's "Itinerary of Travel," issued free, as soon as possible after his arrival.

There are some very



THAMES
RIVER



WAIKUA FALLS
AND KAURI LOGS

pine (*Dammara australis*) may be seen on the way. On the road to Waitakere Falls some very pretty country is passed through, and the Falls are exceedingly fine.

In the city itself there are the Free Public Library, the Picture Gallery, and the Museum.

NORTHERN WAIROA-WHANGAREI TOUR.—Probably the most interesting tour north of Auckland is that across the Kaipara, up the Northern Wairoa River to the Wairua Falls, thence overland to Whangarei, and back to Auckland by steamer. This track takes the traveller through the greatest inland water-way in the Colony, traverses the heart of the kauri timber and kauri-gum industries, and includes in its attractions some charming scenery. The first stage of the journey is by train, 38 miles to Helensville, a township on the South Kaipara waters; in the vicinity are some valuable hot mineral springs, where good bath buildings have lately been erected. From Helensville the tourist voyages by steamer over the broad reaches of the Kaipara, and up the Wairoa River to Dargaville, 40 miles from the sea. The river is a wide brownish-yellow tideway, not beautiful on its lower waters, but invaluable as a shipping channel. Ocean-steamers and large sailing vessels come up the deep river as far as Dargaville, Mangawhare, and the other timber-shipping townships; sea-going steamers in fact can voyage as far up the Wairoa as Tangiteroria, over 70 miles from the sea. The great industry of the district is timber-milling. The sawmills at Te Kopuru, Aratapu,



WAIKUA
FALLS

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and Aoroa are busy establishments well worthy a visit; the latter mill is said to be the largest in Australasia. The river is a lively scene of maritime business; steamers and large sailing vessels are constantly entering the Wairoa to load, or towing down to sea with timber freights. At Dargaville and Mangawhare there is hotel accommodation. Here the traveller boards a small steamer for the upper river trip. The up-river manager for the Northern Union Steamboat Company will do all he can to facilitate the movements of visitors.

Before going on up the Wairoa, however, every traveller should take a run up the Kaihu Valley railway, 17 miles in length, to the kauri forests. From Kaihu (the head of the line) a ride or drive of six miles takes one to the celebrated Kauri Park at Mangatu, a Crown reserve which contains some splendid specimens of the fast vanishing kauri pine, including one tree 48 feet in circumference. In the vicinity, timber getting and hauling may be witnessed, and a typical river-dam in connection with the industry is to be seen.

Returning to Dargaville, a start is made up the river to Tangiteroria, and to the head of navigation near the Wairua Falls, over 40 miles from Dargaville. The river improves in point of beauty as its head waters are approached. It winds and bends through low-lying bush lands, then skirts the foot of the Maungaru and Tangihua ranges, stately and forest-clad. Here some lovely landscapes are opened out, and the picturesque homes of settlers are now and then passed. The river in its upper reaches is thickly fringed with weeping-willows, forming a green wall of foliage on either side, and the reflections in the still brown waters are very fine.



WHANGAREI



ENTRANCE TO
WHANGAREI
HARBOUR

At Tangiteroria there is a hotel, and from here the traveller may drive to Whangarei, or he may go on by launch up to Pukekohe, the head of navigation, where accommodation may be had at the cottage of Kauī Tito, a Maori settler. From this centre the Wairua Falls, two miles away, are comfortably visited. The Wairua, a tributary of the Wairoa, plunges in grand volume over a perpendicular cliff; its width and general appearance have led to its being called the New Zealand Niagara. The rocky gorge below the falls is verdurous on either side with native vegetation, and the river bed is piled with masses of great kauri logs, floated down from the up-river forests, on their way to the Wairoa mills. The logs lie here jammed in wild confusion, until swept down by floods; on the very verge of the falls are perched—in summer time—more logs, stranded until the winter floods send them hurtling over the precipice into the whirlpool below. During a flood the falls present a magnificent spectacle.

From Wairua Falls to Whangarei is a drive of about 18 miles. The road passes through the Poroti gum-fields, a stretch of dreary *manuka*, and enters the rich volcanic lands of the Whangarei back-country, skirting the base of the Whaitiri (Thunder) Mountain, and opening up to the traveller's eye some beautiful landscapes, charming in their variety of



WHANGAREI
WATERFALL

wooded hill-cones, thick forests, and cultivated clearings. As Whangarei town is approached, the scenery becomes even more attractive. One sees the best farms of the north in these thriving agricultural, dairying, and fruit-growing areas, and a far-reaching view of the island-studded sea presents itself.

Whangarei, the largest town north of Auckland, is pleasantly situated in the midst of one of the finest districts in the Island. In the neighbourhood are some very



RIVER SCENE, WHANGAREI

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flourishing orange-groves and vineries, and the local fruit-growing industry is one of large dimensions. The Kamo hot springs, where there is excellent accommodation, are about six miles from the town, and possess a high reputation for their medicinal qualities. The springs are in the centre of a very picturesque country, diversified with fantastic limestone outcrops, bush-clothed hills and fine waterfalls. The Puhipuhi State forest is an easy journey from Kamo. There is almost daily steam communication between

Whangarei and Auckland, a distance of about 80 miles; the steamer track passes close to the archipelago of islands in the Hauraki Gulf. Notable amongst these islands is the beautifully wooded Kawau, the old-time home of the late Sir George Grey.

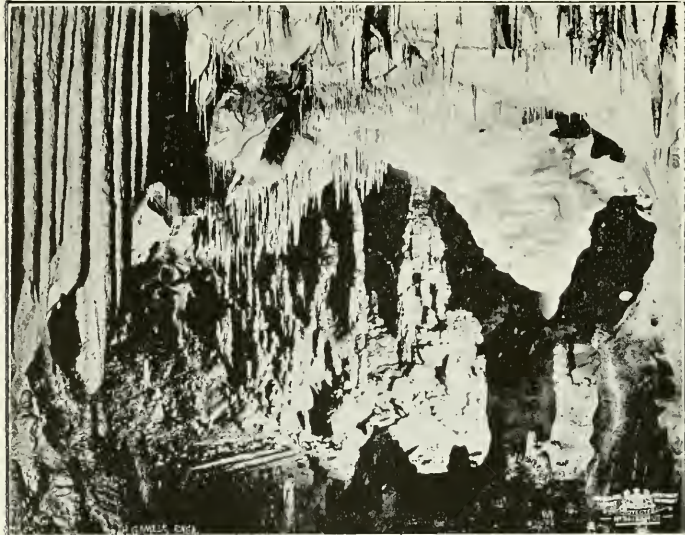
THE HOT LAKES AND THERMAL SPRINGS DISTRICTS.— That every visitor to Auckland will visit the world-renowned thermal district is almost a *sine qua non*. Trains leave Auckland in the season every morning for Te Aroha, 115 miles; Okoroire, 131 miles; and Rotorua, 171 miles. For fares the tourist is referred to the Government penny time table, obtainable at all railway stations.



RUSSELL,
BAY OF ISLANDS

There are many visitors to Rotorua who would like to visit Okoroire or Te Aroha, or both, *en route*.

TE AROHA is noted for its hot springs and the quiet peaceful beauty of its surroundings. There is a Government spa with well-equipped bath buildings standing on a fine terrace in pretty grounds. A Government doctor is resident at Te Aroha; there is massage for invalids, and the mineral waters are valuable medicinally for drinking. The view from the summit of Mt. Aroha, 3,176 feet high, is exceedingly grand.



WAITOMO
CAVES

OKOROIRE is a pleasant spot in which to break the long railway journey to Rotorua. The scenery is pretty, the trout-fishing is good, and the hotel and the baths all that could be desired.

WAITOMO AND RUAKURI CAVES.—These beautiful limestone stalactite caves, situated in a picturesque valley of the "King Country," are reached by train from Auckland (or Rotorua) to Hangatiki, on the Main Trunk railway; hence drive about 5 miles. There is a Government accommodation house at Waitomo. Visitors should not use bare candles in the Caves, on account of the resultant discolouration of the stalactites and stalagmites; magnesium wire, and lanterns, or small electric lamps are preferable. The wire is obtainable at Hangatiki and Waitomo. There are competent guides at the caves.



OKOROIRE

ROTORUA
SANATORIUM AND
PUBLIC GARDENS



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Rotorua

[Full particulars as to fares, distances, and other information, may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Inquiry Office, Rotorua].

Hotels.—Grand, 12s. a day; Geyser (Whakarewarewa), 10s. a day; also Brent's, and numerous other boarding-houses, from 5s. to 8s. a day.

Rotorua town is now under the general control of the Government Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, which attends to the lighting, water supply, drainage, streets, etc., as well as to the baths.

The invalid who visits Rotorua to take the baths will naturally consult the Government Balnæologist at the Sanatorium, who will advise as to the proper treatment. The springs are of very varied chemical composition, and vary in temperature from 60° to 212°. Sir James Hector has divided them into five classes: (1) *Saline*; (2) *Alkaline*; (3) *Alkaline-Silicious*; (4) *Sulphurous*; and (5) *Acidic*.

The tourist who visits Rotorua for pleasure should spend *at least* a week there before passing on to Waiotapu, Wairakei, Taupo, and the Whanganui River.

From Rotorua very pleasant excursions can be made to the Okere Rapids, to Hamurana, to Tikitere, and to the top of Ngongotaha Mountain, whence a very fine and extensive view is obtainable. Hamurana and Tikitere can be done in one day, partly by boat, and partly by buggy. The photographs of Hamurana and Okere give some slight idea of their beauty and picturesqueness.

NEW BATH BUILDINGS,
ROTORUA.



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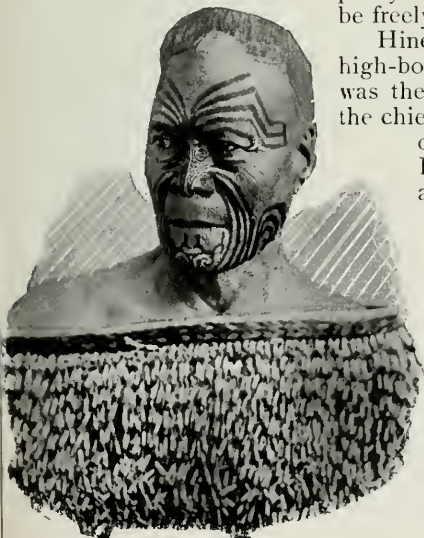
A MAORI BELLE

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Fishing.—There are the following streams in close proximity to Rotorua township, swarming with rainbow trout: Utuhina, Ngongotaha, Waikowhiti, Puarenga, Awahou, Ohau and Kaituna. Fish are caught up to 20 lbs. in weight with rod and line. The baits generally used are the phantom whitebait and artificial English flies. There is splendid sport trolling on the lake from oil-launches and boats. There is a local Anglers' Club in the town, the object of which is to develop the sport of rod fishing, and to give information to visiting anglers. Fishing licenses are issued at cheap rates. The Government Tourist Agent, Rotorua, will give anglers full information respecting fishing. More than 50 tons of trout have been caught in these waters during a seven months' season.

Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti are exploited by steamer or oil launch. On the pier at Ohinemutu, especially in the early summer, can be heard the vigorous croaking of innumerable frogs, and the learned visitor will be irresistibly reminded of the remarkable onomatopœic in Aristophanes' "Frogs": *βρεκεκεκεξ κοῦξ κοῦξ*. The boat will call at Mokoia Island, and passengers can see Hinemoa's Bath, made famous by the very pretty Maori legend, which may be freely translated as follows:

Hinemoa, the beautiful and high-born maiden of Rotorua, was the daughter of Umukaria, the chief of the tribe which lived on the shores of the lake. Her wooers were many, and the fame of her loveliness had spread from Rotorua even unto the North Cape, but her heart knew not the thrill



TUTEREI KAREWA,
NGATIMARU CHIEF

of love. At length it was announced that a mer-
various branches of the Arawa tribe would take j-er
father's village. Her suitors were many, and 'ame
from near and far, clad in fine raiment and bearing costly
gifts to lay at the feet of Hinemoa. Never before had
the shores of Lake Rotorua witnessed such an array of
rank and prowess. On these festive occasions it was a
custom in the good days of old for youths and maidens
to join together in song and dance. In these *haka* the

Quips and cranks and wanton wiles,
Nods and becks, and wreathèd smiles

oft kindled the first spark of love in the youthful breast.
And thus it fell out at this time.

Among the visitors was one Tutanekai, whose father was
Tuwharetoa and whose mother was the wife of Whakaue,
the chief of Mokoia, an island in the middle of Lake
Rotorua. Owing to his birth-stain Tutanekai dare not
aspire to the hand of such a noble maiden as Hinemoa.

Tutanekai, however, for months past had rehearsed the
haka in secret with his servant Tiki, and had become a past
master of the art. The guests begin their *haka* in honour
of their hosts, and its weird strains wake the echoes of the
hills. The villagers, with Hinemoa at their head, are
watching the dancers, when suddenly Tutanekai springs
into the fore-front of their ranks. With every nerve
quivering with the joy of life, he whirls back and forth
from one end of the line to the other, and many of the



HINEMOA'S BATH, MOKOIA ISLAND

atch some of his wild enthusiasm. Hinemoa is overcome, and the proud citadel of her heart yields unconditionally to the wanton attack of Tutanekai. The dance is over, and each of the chiefs fondly imagines that he has won the love of Hinemoa. But it is not to be, for Hinemoa, according to the custom of her people, sends her handmaid to Tiki with the intimation that her mistress is graciously pleased to grant Tutanekai a private audience. But the course of true love never did run smooth. The revels are over. The farewell speeches are made, and the visitors return whence they came. The young chiefs, wholly unconscious of Hinemoa's choice, await the announcement of her decision.

Having assured Tutanekai of her undying love for him, and he having sworn eternal fealty to her, Hinemoa hastens to acquaint her father with the state of her feelings. The old chief is furious. There are no limits to his rage. He accuses her of base ingratitude. She has chosen a plebeian, and would disgrace his hitherto untarnished name. Hinemoa is undaunted. Her choice is fixed. What if her father has dared Tutanekai to set foot on their shores again? Love laughs at difficulties and will surely find a way.

So that there shall be no possibility of Hinemoa paddling to the island, three miles away, her father orders all the canoes to be hauled far up beyond the beach. This is done, and the love-lorn maiden sits on the beach at eventide, and hears the strains of her faithful Tutanekai's lute wafted to her by the breeze. At length love proves stronger than maiden modesty, and Hinemoa resolves to brave the

dangers of the deep waters, and swim to her lover. The eventful night arrives. The young moon is hidden behind heavy banks of clouds. Hinemoa wades into the waters of the lake, so cold, so chill, yet not cold



CARVED
SLIDING
WINDOW



FRONTAL POST
OF MAORI HOUSE



CARVED DOORWAY
OF MAORI HOUSE



HAMURANA
STREAM

enough to quench the fire of love in her heart.

The fitful, struggling moonbeams disappear in the west, and a thick darkness overspreads the waters, and blots out her island goal. "My love," she murmurs, "would that

thou wert nigh to help me." And now she swims on with the cheering strains of the lute guiding her to her love and the shore.

On, on she swims, very slowly now for her strength is failing fast. Will she ever reach the shore? Very far away seem the notes of the lute. A night bird flies swiftly past. Oh, for its wings that she may fly away to Tutanekai and rest! She tries to stand, but finds no foothold, and sinks beneath the dismal waters. The darkness enters her soul, but still she struggles wildly, and at last feels herself breathing once more. She gathers all her small remaining strength for one last despairing effort, and joy fills her breast as her tender feet touch the sand. Wearily she sits down in the shallow water, faint and worn, but on the island at last. After resting awhile, she rises, all numbed and cold, and falters up the beach. Presently, in the darkness, she stumbles upon a hot water pool, and plunges into it, and its cheering warmth invigorates her tired spirit.

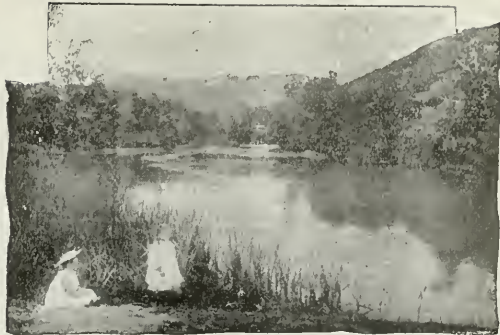
How is she to find her lover?

Into what house soever she goes, the owner (according to Maori usage) can claim her as his own. In this quandary Tutanekai unconsciously comes to the rescue. He is tired and thirsty after his playing, and sends Tiki with a calabash to draw water from a cold spring close beside the bath in which Hinemoa is sitting. Hinemoa is now herself again, and when she hears Tiki's footsteps, she asks him in a gruff voice, "Who sent you, and why come you hither?" Tiki tells her that



HAMURANA
RIVER

Tutanekai has sent him for drinking water. Hinemoa does not know Tiki, and fearing to trust him, resorts to strategy. She asks Tiki for a drink, and he hands her the calabash, thinking that Hinemoa must be a man, and a chief. She drinks



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and breaks the calabash against the face of the rock. Tiki at once returns and gets another calabash, which he also fills. Hinemoa, again in her assumed voice, orders the slave to give her the calabash, and being accustomed to obey, he does so. Hinemoa then breaks the second calabash, and orders Tiki to tell his master what has happened. When Tutanekai hears the story of this strange man's presumptuous conduct, he seizes his spear, and accompanied by Tiki rushes down the slope, prepared to avenge the insult. On reaching the pool, where Hinemoa is still hiding, he demands the name of the offender.

"It is I," replies Hinemoa, and she immediately rises and leaves the pool.

"It is indeed thyself," cries Tutanekai, in his joy and amazement, and he promptly removes his feather mantle and encircles the lovely form of Hinemoa in its sheltering folds. Tutanekai then dismisses Tiki to prepare the bridal chamber, and slowly the lovers follow to their home.

The following is a Maori account of the same legend



OHINEMUTU,
LAKE ROTORUA

which I took down from the dictation of a chief at Rotorua. It will no doubt be interesting to Maori students:—

Te Arohatanga o Hinemoa raua ko Tutanekai.

Ko te wahine nei ko Hinemoa he puhi: he tamahine na Umukaria o Ngatiwahiao, Rotorua. Akuanei ka puta nga rongo mo Hinemoa ki tena kainga, ki tena kainga; na wai a kua hiahia tena tamaiti rangatira, tena tamaiti rangatira hei wahine mana, mana. Ka huihui nei aua tamariki rangatira ki te kainga o Umukaria, ka whakatu i te haka maratou. Tenei hoki a Tutanekai, te tamaiti poriro a Tuwharetoa. Te tu nei haka ai, ka matakitaki te tangata whenua, a Hinemoa hoki. Rokohanga iho ko te rerenga o te maia ra, o Tutanekai, ki te aro-a-kapa o te haka. Tau rawa mai te maia nei i tetahi taha, i tetahi taha o te kapa ra. Haere mai hoki te mahi pukana, te arero whatero, koia ano! Anana! Ka mate noa ake te puhi nei ki te mahi a te maia ra, me te hiahia tonu atu, a ka noho whaiaipo nei raua ki a raua.

Te rongonga o Umukaria, o te matua, ko tana riringa i riri ai ki te tamahine. Hei aha ma Hinemoa, ka whakamau tonu a ia ki a Tutanekai. Ka toia nga waka ki uta kia kore ai he ara mo Hinemoa ki Mokoia, he moutere tena. Ka kauria nei e Hinemoa a Rotorua, whiti noa ki Mokoia. Ka noho a ia i roto i te waiariki i reira whakamahana ai i a ia. Akuanei ka tonoa e Tutanekai tana pononga, a Tiki, hei kawewai. Te taenga atu o Tiki ki te wai, ka rokohangatia e ia a Hinemoa e noho ake ana i roto i te puia. Ka tonoa nei e Hinemoa te taha wai, a hoatutia ana e Tiki. Te inumanga a Hinemoa i te wai ra, wahia ake ana e ia te taha. Ka hoki nei te pononga ra, ka ki atu ki tana rangatira, ki a Tutanekai, kua wahia tana taha e te tangata. Ka wha-wha atu a Tutanekai ki tana tao, heke



THE MAORI GREETING



A MAORI GIRL



PARARAKI BAY,
ROTOITI

tonu atu ki te puia ra. Ka rere tonu atu tana patai ki te tangata e noho ake ra :

“Ko wai koe?” Te whakahokinga a Hinemoa, “Ko au nei tenei.” Ka haere tonu ake te wahine i roto i te puia, tu ana i tahaki, me he kotuku! Te kitenga atu o Tutanekai ko ia, ka unuhia tana kahu huru, ka whakakakahuria atu e ia ki te puhi ra. Heoi ano, ka whakatika raua, ka anga atu ki to raua whare, moe tonu atu.

TE WAIROA is a village that was destroyed in the Tarawera eruption of 1886. It is about 10 miles from Rotorua, and a buggy and driver may be hired from local stables.

The road leads along the shores of two pretty lakes—, Tikitapu and Roto-Kakahi—popularly known as the Blue Lake and the Green Lake respectively. Although Te Wairoa is generally spoken of, and written about as a buried village, it is by no means a scene of desolation now. It is covered by a dense growth of acacia, and the walk round the sights, the church, houses, and hotels destroyed by the eruption, is cool and shady. The path leads to a rustic seat on the brow of a hill, and here, while resting, the visitor can



MANUPIRUA BATH,
ROTOITI



TE WAIROA BEFORE
THE ERUPTION

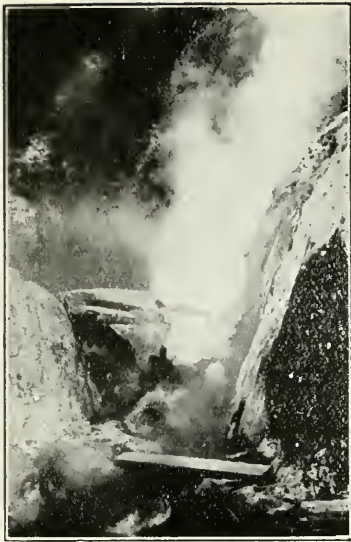
gaze upon the beautiful scene before him—the pretty bush in the foreground, the tranquil Lake Tarawera in the middle distance, and the awesome Mount Tarawera beyond. There is a Government oil launch on Lake Tarawera; a

guide may also be obtained to show visitors round the sights, which, in addition to those already mentioned, include a pretty waterfall. A coach leaves Rotorua every morning, and returns in the afternoon.

The Maori explanation of the eruption of Tarawera is interesting, and I believe appears in print here for the first time:—Some twenty generations ago, a Tohunga, known as Ngatoro, who was an emigrant from Hawaiki, ascended Mt. Tarawera, and there encountered Tama-o-Hoi, a man born in the district. The latter was also a Tohunga of some note. Ngatoro had been going through the country taking possession of it by naming different points. To this proceeding, however, Tama-o-Hoi objected, with the result that they quarreled, and Tama-o-Hoi disappeared into the earth, vowing vengeance on Ngatoro and his people. (Ngatoro, according to tradition, was the one who by incantations brought the volcanic fires to Tongariro to warm himself, because he was perishing with cold in the snow). Time passed by, generations came and went, until in 1886 an old Tohunga named Tuhoto, who lived at the foot of the Tarawera Mountain in a village called the Wairoa, went on a visit to some friends who lived nearer the mountain. Being a man of note his visit caused quite a stir, but the consequences were dire, for immediately upon his return home, a child belonging to the chief of the village which Tuhoto had visited, sickened and died. There appeared to be no explanation for the death of an apparently healthy child, therefore the villagers were not surprised when during the *tangi* the grandmother



TE WAIROA AFTER THE
ERUPTION



TE REKEREKE
GEYSER, WAIRAKEI

of the child cursed Tuhoto for having bewitched (makutu) it. This curse very soon reached Tuhoto's ears, and he became very indignant. He immediately set to work to wipe out the whole tribe of the offending chief. He therefore called upon Rua-au-Moko, the god of volcanoes, together with Ngatoro and Tama-o-Hoi (the two latter were supposed to be in league with Rua-au-Moko). The result of this was the Tarawera eruption, which very nearly exterminated the Ngatirangitahi tribe. Mark the sequel: Tuhoto himself was overtaken in the general disaster, and was dug out alive, having been four days in a buried *whare*. His hair and body were caked with lava,

and it was necessary to cut off his hair to get rid of it, and this it is believed by the Maoris brought about his death.

LAKE ROTOMAHANA.—Probably the most weird and wonderful place in the thermal district is Rotomahana, the hot lake, near Tarawera. There is a remarkably fine round trip conducted by the Tourist Department—coach to Lake Tarawera, oil-launch across the lake; oil-launch across Lake Rotomahana; thence walk to the



OKERE RAPIDS

crater-basin of the famous Waimangu Geyser; and back to Rotorua by coach (cost of round trip, including guides' fees, 17s. 6d.) The Rotomahana cruise through boiling water is a memorable experience. The cliffs bordering a part of Rotomahana are as suggestive of the infernal regions as anything on earth. They are simply alive with steam jets and blow-holes. Sound and sight combine to conjure up before the imagination a saw mill or smithy on the other side the Styx. The lake itself is warm in some parts and in others it is boiling.

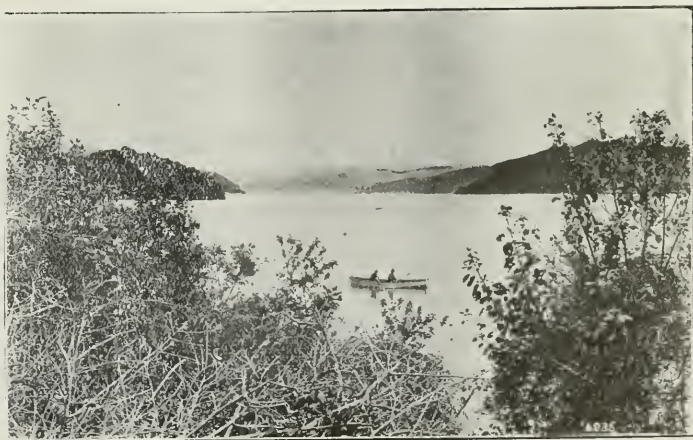
There is a good accommodation house at Waimangu, conducted by the Government Tourist Department. It stands on a hill commanding an excellent view of the Rotomahana and Tarawera thermal districts, and just above the strange valley in which the monster Waimangu geyser once played.

LAKE OKATAINA ROUND TRIP.—An exceedingly beautiful excursion, only opened up this year, is that from Rotorua to Lake Okataina, by coach and launch, giving a view of several other lakes—Rotoiti, Tarawera, Rotokakahi, and Tikitapu. The trip is accomplished in one day, and gives the traveller a delightful run through rich forest scenery as well as across the wonderful lakes. Okataina is surrounded by densely wooded and mountainous shores, and abounds in charming picnic spots. The excursions may be made either way from Rotorua, either going by coach (or launch) to Ruato, near the end of



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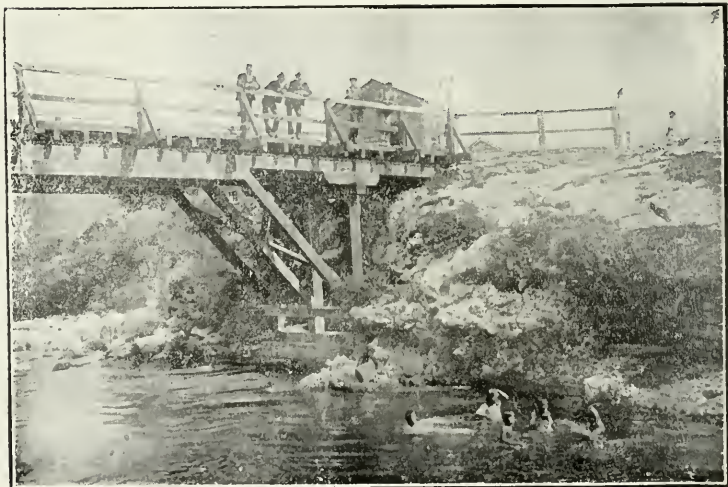
POHUTU
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A HAKA FOR A PENNY,
WHAKAREWAREWA

Rotoiti, and thence to and across Okataina and Tarawera and back through Te Wairoa, or *vice versa*.

After leaving Mokoia Island, the steamer proceeds to the head of Lake Rotorua, and Lake Rotoiti is reached *via* the Ohau channel, which connects the two lakes. At Manupirua, near the western end of Rotoiti, the traveller may bathe in a hot spring on the shore. The hills which fringe the shore at the head of Rotoiti are bold and well wooded, and on a calm afternoon they are to be seen broadly mirrored on the bosom of the lake. The trip throughout is charmingly idyllic. Lunch, which is provided by the hotel, nicely packed in a hamper, may be enjoyed on the launch, or if passengers wish to go on by buggy to Rotoehu and Rotoma (by arrangement with livery stable keepers), they may exploit their hampers on



MAORI CHILDREN
DIVING
FOR PENNIES

landing at Tapuacharuru. This little Maori settlement is at the extreme east of Lake Rotoiti. Passengers may return either by boat or coach. For the first eight miles of the latter route the road skirts the shores of the lake, and is very pleasant, but the remaining portion of the trip is barren and uninteresting, except for Tikitere, famous for its Inferno, Gates of Hades, and various other forms of thermal activity.

WHAKAREWAREWA is only about a mile and a half from Rotorua, and coaches leave frequently for this absorbingly interesting spot. Single fare, 6d.

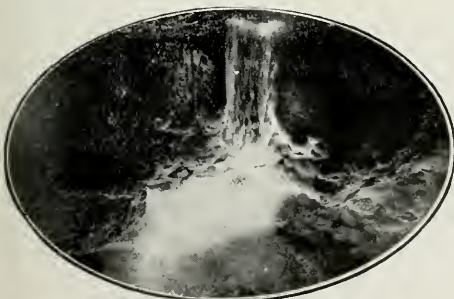
Maggie Papakura, the brilliant and accomplished guide, and other native girls will conduct visitors round the many geysers, porridge pots, and other weird sights of Whakarewarewa.

The principal geysers are *Pohutu* (the splasher), which throws up boiling water to a height of about 60 feet; and *Wairoa*. Close to *Pohutu* is *Te Horo* (the cauldron), which always boils up and overflows before *Pohutu* plays. On the other side of *Pohutu* is the Prince of Wales' Feather, which broke out about five years ago. As soon as the feather reaches a height of 20 feet, *Pohutu* may be expected to perform. *Wairoa* (high column of water), when in action, sends up a mass of boiling water to a height of fully 100 feet.



KERERU GEYSER,
ROTORUA

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THE TWINS,
WAIRAKEI



"MAGGIE."

BATHING POOL,
WHAKAREWAREWA



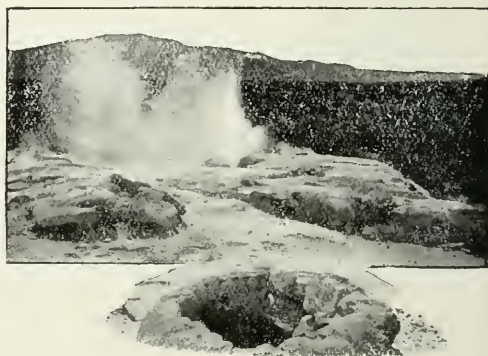
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Wai-Korohihi (hissing water) plays with reasonable regularity to a height of about 20 feet. *Kereru* (pigeon) plays all day long at very short intervals. The Torpedo, as it is called, is a tolerable imitation, on a small scale, of the exploding of a submarine mine. It is produced by the boiling mud coming in contact with the cold water of the *Puarenga* Stream. The beautiful *Waikite* Geyser, which has not played for many years, became active again last year, and is very frequently in ebullition and eruption.

Near *Waikite* is a cave called *Te Hinan*, in which an old chief, *Te Tukutuku*, hid for two years from his enemies. Upon the discovery of his retreat, he was captured and beheaded, and his brains were cooked in *Te Komutumutu* (the brainpot), and duly eaten. Much amusement can be derived from the young Maoris who, at strictly reasonable rates, dive for pennies or dance *haka* for the edification of visitors and their own enrichment. The Geyser Hotel is excellent, and a week or two can be whiled away with pleasure and profit at this remarkable spot.



WAIROA GEYSER



BRAIN POT AND POHUTU GEYSER

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SPRING

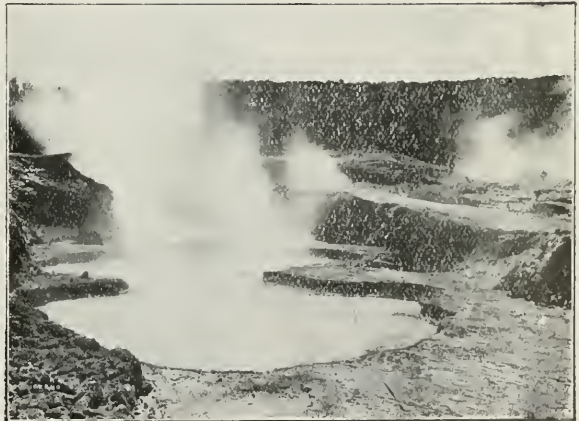


WAIOTAPU, WAIRAKEI, AND TAUPO.—On the way to Wairakei and Taupo, the visitor may spend a night at Waimangu House, and then visit the Waiotapu thermal valley. There are many objects of interest to be seen at Waiotapu. The Champagne Pool is quite remarkable; a shovelful of earth thrown into it causes the water to effervesce with exceeding enthusiasm. There are also sulphur falls, mud volcanoes, the Primrose Falls, alum cliffs, and a pretty lake. The variations in colour of the many small lakes is most surprising. Altogether the sights are well worth a visit. The Maoris levy a toll, and provide a guide to the sights. The sights on the Government Reserve at Waiotapu are open to visitors without charge.

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Wairakei, which is twenty-six miles from Waiotapu by coach, is

HELLS GATES,
TIKITERE,
ROTORUA



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PRINCE OF WALES'
FEATHERS, WAIRAKEI

of water. Both can be seen with advantage from the shade-embowered seat. The Prince of Wales' Feathers Geyser throws its watery plumes in two showers of spray to the height of from 30 to 50 feet. The display, which is exceedingly fine, lasts for about 30 seconds. The Champagne Cauldron is an enormous boiling pool, and viewed from the level of the creek the sight is truly magnificent. The

one of the most interesting spots in New Zealand. The Geyser House Hotel is picturesquely situated and is admirably conducted. There are hot swimming baths, a tennis court, a croquet lawn, and a shooting gallery in the grounds, which abound also in beautifully cool sequestered spots, where guests can "in sweet seclusion seek the shade."

The Geyser Valley is full of objects of absorbing interest to the tourist. One of the most delightful spots is a cool shady seat from which can be seen Nga Mahanga (The Twins) and The Prince of Wales' Feathers. The former geyser plays regularly every few minutes, and the latter is made to play by diverting the course of a tiny stream



HAMURANA
SPRING

Great Wairakei Geyser seen in the illustration plays at intervals of about nine minutes to a height of from 10 to 40 feet, and the display lasts about four minutes. The Eagle's Nest is another pretty geyser. It is covered with boughs all frosted with white sinter, and, as its name implies, looks like an eagle's nest. A guide is provided for the trip.



GREAT WAIRAKEI
GEYSER

Another particularly delightful excursion is that to the Aratiatia Rapids. A buggy and guide are provided by the hotel, and after a drive of about four miles, that part of the Waikato River is reached on which the rapids are situated. Here the Waikato seethes and foams through a narrow channel between rugged cliffs some 200 feet in height. The sight is impressively grand and awe-inspiring. Another day may be spent in seeing the Karapiti Blow-hole and the Huka Falls. Karapiti is an exceedingly interesting Fumarole three miles from Wairakei. Dr. Hochstetter called it the safety-valve of New Zealand. Pennies, pieces of wood, and in fact any substance thrown into the mouth of the Blowhole are immediately ejected with great force. The guide lights a fire of brush-wood near the entrance, and a dense mass of smoke is emitted from the Fumarole. A truly remarkable sight.

From Wairakei also, excursions can be made to Orakei-Korako and Atiamuri. Orakei-Korako is about 17 miles from Wairakei; a guide and horses for the trip are supplied at the Geyser House Hotel. The *Rahurahu Geyser* on the left bank of the Waikato, is close at hand, and within a radius of a few hundred yards are many other geysers, mud volcanoes, and boiling pools, grottos, and the beautiful



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ARATIATIA RAPIDS, NEAR WAIRAKEI



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MAORI PATAKA (FOOD STORE)

Pyramid of Geysers. From Orakei-Korako to Atiamuri is about 10 miles. The latter is on the old coach road from Rotorua to Wairakei and Taupo, and as there is a good hotel here, visitors may spend the night. About three miles from the Atiamuri hotel is the beautiful Aniwhiwa (Rainbow) Cascade. Other sights in the district are The Redoubt, Te Niho-o-te-kioro (The Tooth of the Rat) Hot Spring, the Monumental Stones (said to have been erected to the memory of some 50 Ngatimaru people slain and eaten by Nga-roto warriors), and the Pohatu-roa (Lofty Rock) Hill.

The Huka Falls are about half-way between Wairakei and Taupo, quite close to the coach road. Here again the Waikato River flows through a narrow chasm between lofty walls of rock. A bridge spans the rapids, from which a fine view may be obtained. Another short drive along the bank of the Waikato brings the traveller to Taupo.

"SOPHIA" AT THE
COOKING HOLE



Muir and Moodie, photo



CROW'S NEST GEYSER, TAUPO

The view across the Lake from the village is very fine. In the distance may be seen the lofty snow-clad peaks of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu.

The "Spa" is situated in a beautiful little valley near Taupo. The interior of a fine carved Maori house is used as a dining room. In the well-kept grounds are hot and cold swimming baths for ladies as well as gentlemen. The Spa sights include the Crow's Nest Geyser on the banks of the Waikato. There are also several *ngawha*, and a so-called Champagne Pool in the vicinity. A guide from the Spa will conduct visitors over the sights. The Aratiatia Rapids may also be visited from Taupo. A ride of eight miles brings the visitor to the spot, whence a good view may be obtained from the opposite bank to that from which the visitor sees them on the excursion from Wairakei. Rotokawa (Bitter Lake) may be seen *en route*. A guide and horses may be obtained in Taupo.

The Terrace Hotel, Onekeneke (near Taupo), is salubriously situated. The Terraces themselves are well worth visiting, and there are also some hot baths of considerable therapeutic value on the grounds. Many invalids (consumptives and others), have stayed at the Terrace with beneficial effects.



THE SPA,
TAUPO



HUKA FALL, WAIKATO RIVER

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HOT SWIMMING BATH, THE "SPA," TAUPU



Taupo to Tokaanu, Pipiriki, and Whanganui



WHANGANUI
NATIVES

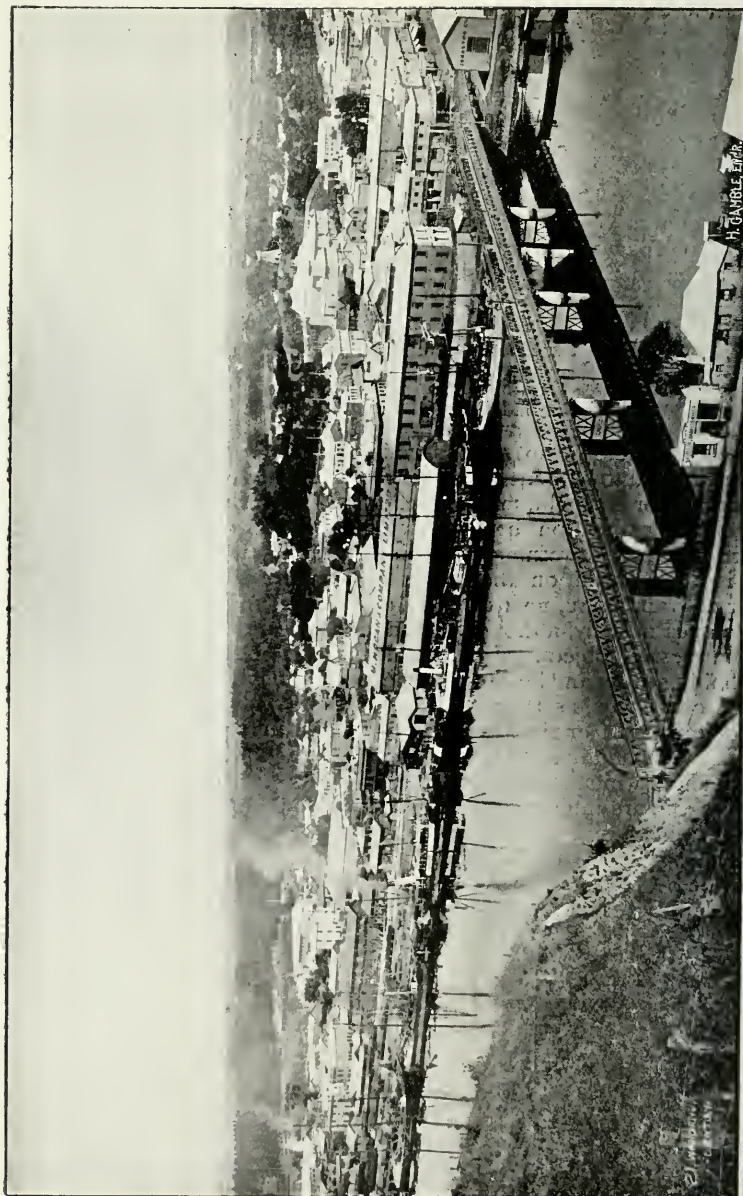
Passengers voyage across Lake Taupo by steamer (25 miles) to Tokaanu. Here the traveller bids a last and fond adieu to the thermal phenomena, which must have interested him all the way from Te Aroha, until "this present." On the sinter flat (*papa-kowhatu*) adjoining the hotel, to parody Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell":

Es lächelt der *puia*
Er ladet zum Bade,

or in other words, the hot springs smile at the dusty traveller, and invite him to bathe. A start for the ascent of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe or Ruapehu may be made from Tokaanu, guides for either expedition being obtainable in the district. There are small Government huts in this mountain region; one is at Ketetahi, on the slopes of Tongariro, and the other at Waihohonu, near the foot of Ngauruhoe. Mount Kakarama near by, although extinct as a volcano, is still a very interesting object. From the lower part of the north side boiling water and hot steam issue forth with much pomp and circumstance, as though a hundred of nature's triple expansion steam engines were at work within. At the foot of the mountain is Te Rapa, the village of the renowned Te Heuheu, which was destroyed by a landslip in 1845. Visitors who are interested in the Maoris should invest in a book of charmingly characteristic Maori stories, "Tales of a Dying Race," by A. A. Grace. These *contes* are the only Maori stories with which the writer is acquainted which faithfully reflect the Maori character and his mode of thought and expression. The last story, "A White *Wahine*," although by no means the best tale in the book, is interesting from the fact that it is true, the "white *Wahine*" being the author's mother, and the scene of the story is laid at Te Heuheu's village. The distance



THE CAVE FALLS
WHANGANUI RIVER



WHANGANUI

H. GAMBLE, Eng'g.

from Tokaanu to Pipiriki is 85 miles, and the coach journey occupies two days, the necessary halt for the night being made at Waiouru, where there is an accommodation house.

MAIN TRUNK RAILWAY.—The North Island Main Trunk Railway, connecting Auckland and Wellington, is reached at Waiouru, on the Ruapehu Plains, by the traveller who works southward from Rotorua *via* Lake Taupo. The passenger who leaves Rotorua by train changes to the Main Trunk line at Frankton Junction. At Taumarunui (175 miles from Auckland) he may take launch and steamer down the Whanganui River, or he may continue on by rail along the central line Wellington-wards. At the time of writing there was a short uncompleted section of the line on the portion between Taumarunui and Waiouru over which passengers had to travel by coach, but this was expected to be railed before the end of 1908. The scenery on this portion of the line is very beautiful. The Waimarino forest is a magnificent tract of native bush, the best to be seen on any rail run in the Dominion; there are immense viaducts and other fine engineering works, and there are views of the snowy and volcanic mountains Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro.

PIPIRIKI is a small settlement on the banks of the Whanganui River. There is a most excellent accommodation house here, lighted throughout by electricity; and shooting, fishing, and canoeing serve to make Pipiriki an ideal spot for a thoroughly enjoyable holiday, “far from the madding crowd’s ignoble strife.” Visitors should by no means miss the trip to the upper reaches of the river as far as Parinui or the Tangarakau. Ten years ago the trip from Pipiriki to Whanganui could only be made by Maori canoe; now, thanks to the enterprise of Mr. Hatrick, the pioneer of steam navigation on the river, the voyage can be made in well-appointed river steamers in about seven hours and a half. Many have written of

WHANGANUI
RIVER



Denton, photo.



the beauties of the river, but its wealth of magnificent scenery beggars description. Here is one vivid verbal "impression" sketched many years ago by an artist who spent some months in painting the many beauties that he knew and felt so well :—

"New Zealand has often been called a show country, and certainly the sights and scenes within the length and breadth of this island are unique and various, and will, no doubt, attract an ever-increasing number of tourists from other parts, and among them all the wild and romantic scenery of the Upper Whanganui must soon take a leading place. The broad river, always interesting and beautiful both in the rapids and in the long reaches of still water, the steep rocky banks, the lofty trees, with white-cliff faces peeping out, tier above tier, from the varied foliage and blossoms of the trees, the graceful palms, and the beautiful ferns rising as thick as they can stand (acres of them), from the water's edge right up to the top of some of the mountains, the natives in their long canoes and picturesque costumes, all combine to make up a scene of the most enchanting loveliness. The caves, near Pipiriki, are very extensive, and rich in stalactites. The view of the entrance is like a fairy scene: the ferns and lichens hanging round form a fitting frame, and from the ceiling hangs, by a slender cord, a mass of living creepers like a great chandelier. There are some really magnificent views about Atene. A mile or two below Pipiriki the banks rise to a great height, and are very imposing. From the caves, for some 10 or 12 miles, the river flows between perpendicular walls of rock, all festooned with a hanging drapery of ferns and lichens, whilst higher still rise lofty hills covered with luxuriant



WHANGANUI RIVER

bush. Over these cliffs fall numerous streams, making a succession of waterfalls, all different and all beautiful: now a thin gauze-like sheet of water falling from a projecting cliff high above our heads; then a roaring cascade of sparkling water; again, one away back in a deep dark ravine almost hidden by ferns and creepers. In several places two or three cascades are visible at the same time, and some of them are double falls. Thus the visitor is led on from one fine sight to another, his admiration growing at every turn; again and again he is ready to declare the view inimitable, until the next turn of the river reveals new beauties, and calls forth new praises, when at last the interest culminates at the Manganui-a-te-Ao, where an immense cliff rises like a mighty pillar on the right, and the rivers meet like two lanes in a great city walled in by many massive piles of masonry."



MAORI CHIEF

Thus another writer :

"The ascending of the Whanganui River was full of variety and incident. Past *kainga* after *kainga*, with their typical *wharepuni* (meeting houses), *pataka*, and *whata* (food stores), their groups of Maoris—the women dressed in all the colours of the spectrum,—their frail-looking, but, in the hands of the skilful Maoris, safe tree canoes, their potato, maize, and tobacco patches, their *pa-tuna* (eel weirs), and all the other items that go to make up the picturesque Maori settlement.

"The Whanganui has been called the Rhine of New Zealand. So it is in a sense. The Rhine is the most beautiful, scenic, and perhaps, historically, the most interesting river in Europe; and, in all probability, the Whanganui occupies the same rank amongst the New Zealand rivers. But there the analogy ends. Its banks are not the result of centuries of civilization; so it hasn't the ruined castles, walled cities, vineyards, and the cultivated landscapes



MAORI ART

of the Rhine. Its beauty is its naturalness, freshness, restfulness. Tall slender *ponga* (a kind of tree fern) crowned with brilliant green fronds; *rimu*—fountains of misty green; *rata*, whose roots lace the ground like serpents, and whose great spreading heads are bedecked at Christmas time with gorgeous scarlet blossoms; bright, glossy *totara*—these, while other trees clothe the steep mountains on the right hand and on the left. Now the boat lingers in front of some cave, whose entrance is concealed by a veil of delicate creepers and hanging growths; now pauses for a while where some torrent leaps from the towering cliff overhead; now is run aground at the entrance to some dark gorge, where the clear notes of the bell bird can be heard tolling in the cool forest depths. The *tui* and the *kaka* are the chief birds whose cries or songs are heard when moving on the river.

"We left Whanganui at 7 a.m. The first thing that struck us was the almost continuous, deep edging of willows on both sides. One would think that they had been planted systematically; but it is said that though the early missionaries planted a few, most have sprung from twigs or branches brought down by the current, especially in times of flood. Apart from the ever-changing landscape and the interest aroused whenever a Maori settlement came in sight, the scaling of the rapids was full of excitement.



MESSRS. HATRICK AND CO.'S STEAMERS

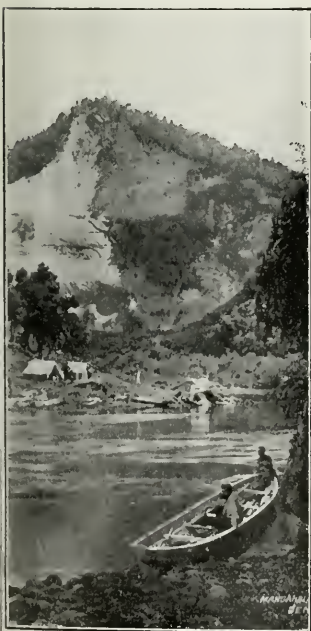
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We were on the Wairere, one of the most powerful of Harrick and Co.'s fleet of steamers; yet at times, with the aid of a couple of Maoris poling with all their might, the steamer could hardly make headway. Indeed, it has been found necessary to fasten steel cables in shore, and to haul the steamers over some of the rapids with cable and winch. The steamer forges her way as far as possible, then the cable lying in the bed of the stream is grappled for with hooks on long poles. Perhaps a dozen casts have to be made before the rope is secured. In the meantime the more timid souls are wondering what will happen if the cable isn't caught; but the captain is wide awake, knows his work thoroughly, and is ready for all emergencies; and if the worst comes the anchor can be dropped or a skilful retreat beaten. Shooting the rapids—there are about fifty in all, including those in the upper reaches—is even more exhilarating; but with a captain who is familiar with every foot of the river—and ours was acknowledged to be one of the safest—and with Maoris who take to the river as ducks to water, tourists and excursionists need not worry.

“The Whanganui trip is done in two sections—the Pipiriki, and above,—and no one should miss the second if time will allow. Above, the banks become almost perpendicular, from any height to 400ft. or 500ft., and one can quite believe the theory that the river hasn't a bed of its own, but runs in a volcanic fissure, cutting through valleys at right angles. Shortly after leaving Pipiriki in the twin-screw steamer the company generally uses for this section,



WHANGANUI RIVER



MANGANUI-
A-TE-AO,
WHANGANUI RIVER



OHURA FALLS, WHANGANUI RIVER

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one of the most formidable rapids on the river is encountered. This being surmounted, a little further on the caves are reached. The first is truly magnificent. At the far end of an immense natural hall a torrent comes pouring down from the dark interior—goodness knows from where—and falling with a deafening roar, a solid mass rushes on to join the ‘brimming river.’ Further up the snow stream from Ruapehu adds its tribute to the glorious river. About here, too, is what is called the Drop Scene; but for that matter almost any part of the upper reaches will answer to that description, especially that inset part of the bank over which the water falls in the form of an ideal shower bath for giants.”



JERUSALEM



MAORI AND
WHARE

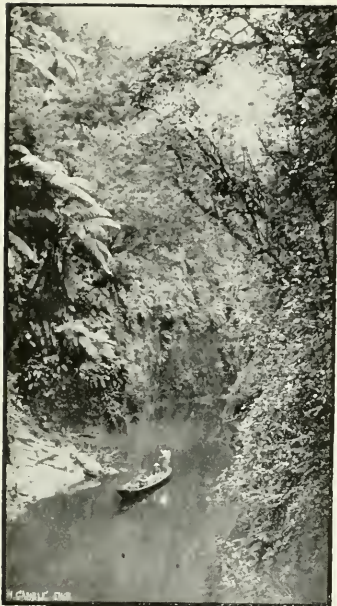
“PIPIRIKI, which presents a cheerful green face to the river, and rests on a series of undulating slopes, is still in its primitive or embryo stage. Its most conspicuous ornament and valuable asset is Pipiriki House, the home of the tourist, where Mr. Howard presides, and a bevy of housemaids try to make the traveller feel at home. A well-kept lawn, lined with flowers, embellishes the slope in front. The surroundings of Pipiriki are much broken, the hill-slopes rising rather abruptly for 600 feet, but the soil is fairly good, and fruit trees and vegetables seem to do well. Behind the township is a well-timbered hill, reserved as a domain. The Maori proprietors occupy comfortable houses and *whare* on both sides of the river.”

The whole navigable length of the Whanganui River may be exploited by taking train from Auckland or Rotorua to Taumarunui, thence descending the great river by launch to Pipiriki (one day, 80 miles), thence by steamer to Whanganui (59 miles). About midway between Taumarunui and Pipiriki, Hatrick and Co. have a well-appointed houseboat moored in the river—a convenient halfway place.



WHANGANUI RIVER

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MANGAIO
CREEK,
WHANGANUI
RIVER.

WHANGANUI, which is the centre of a splendid pastoral district, is well worth a visit. A very beautiful view of the town and the river may be obtained from Flagstaff Hill. The freezing works at the Heads are interesting, and the museum, containing a fine assortment of Maori curios, should also be seen by the visitor.

Hotels.—Chavannes', The Rutland, and Foster's are all first-class houses, and the tariff ranges from 8s. to 10s. a day.

MAIN TRUNK RAILWAY.—Should the traveller prefer, he can join the train at Waioura for Wellington. The Main Trunk line, a wonderful engineering work, will be completed by the end of 1908.

NEW PLYMOUTH is the seaport of a district remarkable for the extent of its dairying industry. Visitors to this prettily situated town should see one of the butter factories in the neighbourhood. The price of land has nearly doubled in value around New Plymouth, Inglewood, and Stratford in the last few years, owing to the dairying industry.

Hotels.—The Criterion, White Hart, and Terminus; tariff 7s. 6d. to 10s. per day.



PIRIKI

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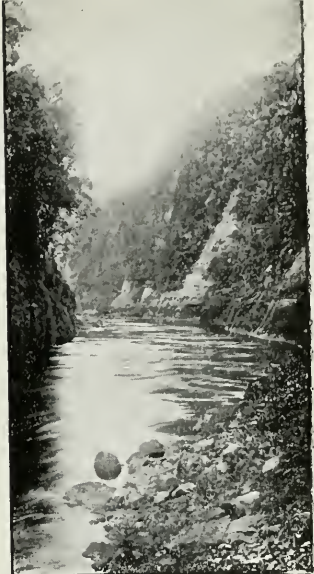
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The Recreation Ground is one of the sights of the town. It is well laid out, and commands a fine view of Mt. Egmont (8,260 feet). Tourists with mountaineering proclivities can make arrangements for the ascent of Egmont. There are four mountain houses for tourists on the sides of the great peak. A buggy or landau can be obtained at local livery stables, for various drives in the country round about. An interesting drive is that to Parihaka, a very large Maori *kainga*. There is also excellent trout-fishing in the district. Between New Plymouth and Wellington a dining car is run on the express trains. Refreshments may be obtained at Hawera, Aramoho, Halcombe, and Palmerston.

STRATFORD is a rapidly growing town, and the centre of an already extensive and expanding dairying industry. It is 30 miles from New Plymouth, and is a convenient place from which to ascend Mt. Egmont. There is a mountain-house on the side facing Stratford. Comfortable hotel accommodation may be had at Stratford.

Trains leave Whanganui thrice daily for Palmerston, but the tourist is advised to travel by the express which leaves at about mid-day.

PALMERSTON is a large agricultural centre (of about 10,000 inhabitants), built around a fine square, and has excellent hotel accommodation. There is good fishing in the district, and a drive through the famous Manawatu Gorge can be confidently recommended to the



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WHANGANUI RIVER



NEW PLYMOUTH BREAKWATER

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A MAORI BELLE

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visitor. Trains leave Palmerston every day for Napier and Wellington.

NAPIER is a charming seaport, and the capital of the Hawke's Bay district.

Hotels.—The Masonic and Criterion; tariff, 10s. a day.

The climate is very fine, and Napier enjoys more sunshine than almost any other town in New Zealand except Nelson and Blenheim. There is good fishing in the district. Trains leave Napier every day for Wellington, and coaches leave for Taupo *en route* to Rotorua or Pipiriki.

LAKE WAIKAREMOANA AND UREWERA COUNTRY.—The most beautiful of all the lakes in the North Island is Waikaremoana, the "Sea of the Rippling Waters." It



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NEW PLYMOUTH
RECREATION
GROUNDS,
MT. EGMONT
IN DISTANCE



NAPIER

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lies between the rugged Urewera country and the plains which slope down to Hawke's Bay, and is about 36 miles distant from the sea, with an elevation of 2,050 feet above the ocean level. It has been said that "of all the New Zealand lakes, Waikaremoana stands second for beauty, Manapouri taking first place." Its coast-line is of very great extent, owing to the number of its arms, which run far into the hollows of the encircling mountains. Nearly everywhere the grand forest



MT. EGMONT
FROM
STRATFORD

WAIKAREMOANA
BY MOONLIGHT



grows down to the edge of the clear deep lake; on the eastern side magnificent cliffs rise in places close on 2,000 feet above the lake. Everywhere the lake shores are gemmed with delightful pleasure-nooks, offering irresistible attractions to summer picnickers; mountain creeks add their streams to the wide waters, and there are several fine cascades, notably the Mokau, Aniwaniwa, and Papa-o-korito. There is a Government oil-launch on the lake, besides good rowing boats. The lake and its tributary streams are very well stocked with trout, and splendid sport may be had by the angler.

On the shores of the lake at Whaitiri—a drive of 42 miles from Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, *via* Frasertown—stands the new Government accommodation house for tourists, a comfortable and well-furnished establishment. There are eight single and two double bedrooms, besides dining-room, drawing-room, smoking-room, etc., and the house is one which the visitor would little expect to find in such a remote region. It stands on a headland commanding a beautiful view of the lake and the surrounding forests and mountains.



PAPA-O-KORITO FALLS,
LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

Many delightful days may be spent in cruising round the lake, and in picnicking daily in fresh scenes of sylvan beauty. Wooded islets, white sandy beaches, little secluded coves and bold promontories thickly wooded, are some of the features of Waikaremoana. The greatest depth of the lake is 846 feet. The most beautiful part of this grand sheet of water is the Wairau-moana arm, which is entered through the historic Strait of Manaia, across which the noted rebel leader, Te Kooti, swam his stolen horses in the



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LAKE HOUSE," WAIKAREMOANA
(Government Accommodation House)

old war-days. The great 'cliff of Panekiri, rising almost perpendicularly from the water, is one of the sights of the cruise. Innumerable are the historic spots, renowned in the annals of Maori warfare, studded along the lake shores. Matuahu and Matakitaki, not far from the Mokau waterfall, are two ruined hill-forts held by the Hau-haus in 1869 against the Government forces. Onepoto, where the coach road from Wairoa first strikes the lake, was an important military post over thirty years ago, when the sound of the bugle was heard in the land. The forests around Lake Waikaremoana have been set aside as a sanctuary for game, and no shooting is permitted therein.

Close to Waikaremoana, and reached by a short walk through a lovely woodland glade, is another beautiful lake, Waikare-iti,—“Little Waikare”—a sweet calm sheet of water dotted with verdurous islets. A Wairoa visitor to the lake recently wrote:—

This beautiful lake is surrounded by low hills, covered with dense forest, which extends to the water's edge, the branches in many places trailing in the water. There is none of the great cliffs of Waikaremoana here, and the scenery is not rugged, but nevertheless is very beautiful, as there are six islands in the lake, clothed with forest trees. To pull the boat down the bank and launch her on the silent waters of this picturesque lake takes only a few minutes, and soon the boat is gliding over the glittering waters, and at every turn a fresh picture is presented. Cruising in and out of the silvery pathways to the numerous islands is a delightful pleasure, and time passes all too quickly. Echo after echo is sent across the waters, and as many as four distinct echoes may be heard in some parts of the lake.

Waikaremoana is reached by coach from Wairoa (Hawke's Bay) and Frasertown; coastal steamers run from Napier to Wairoa. It may also be reached by vehicle from Gisborne. A coach road is in course of construction from the north to Waikaremoana, which will eventually enable



IN MOKAU INLET, LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

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the through trip to be made by coach from Rotorua *via* Galatea through the celebrated Urewera country to the lake, and thence to the East Coast. At present, however, the vehicle road from Rotorua stops short between Te Whaiti and Ruatahuna, over 20 miles from the lake, and the intervening journey across the forest-clad shoulders of the Huiarau ranges must be made on horseback or on foot.

The Urewera country—or Tuhoe-land, as it is officially known—is a rough broken region of mountain, forest, and stream, bounded by the Kaingaroa Plains on the west, by the Whakatane and adjacent valleys on the north, and extending south to Waikaremoana. The district itself is

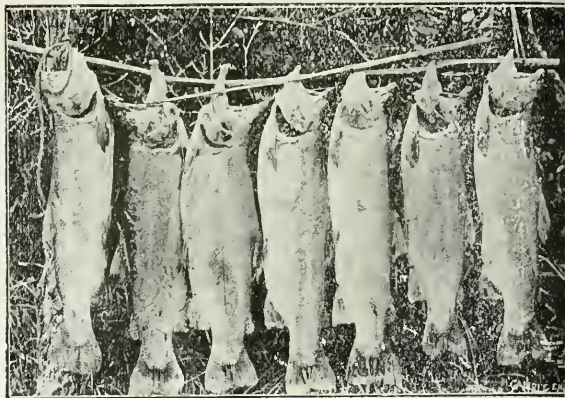


PANEKIRI,
WAIKAREMOANA

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interesting because of its remarkably fine scenery, but more particularly because of its inhabitants—about a thousand natives of the Urewera or Tuhoe tribe. These people, whose villages are scattered here and there along the more fertile patches in the bush-girt valleys, were the last in New Zealand to submit to the Pakeha and his works. In the old war-times their country was invaded several times by Government forces, but there was little glory in fighting

PART OF A LOT OF
106 RAINBOW TROUT
TAKEN AT LAKE
WAIKAREMOANA.
SMALLEST FISH
WEIGHED 12 LBS.



these savage wily mountaineers, to whom the dark forests were as familiar as their low-eaved *totara*-bark-roofed huts. The Tuhoe people, far removed from the busy outside world, are an interesting study. Many old customs still survive in this mountain land, such as the practice of bird-catching by means of cunningly devised snares; the arts of mat-weaving, of carving, etc. The natives wear European clothes, but their ways and thoughts are those of the primitive Maori. Superstition is strong upon their hearts, and many and weird are their ancient beliefs. The *tapu* institution has not died out in Tuhoe-land; the belief in *makutu* or witchcraft still prevails.

Mataatua, the central village of Tuhoe-land, is 80 miles from Rotorua. The first day's journey from Rotorua ends at Galatea, on the banks of the Rangitaiki, where there is an accommodation house; the

next day takes the traveller through the bush and mountain lands to Te Whaiti and then to Mataatua, which is pleasantly situated in the romantic valley of Ruatahuna. Here one of the sights is the large carved meeting-house, "Te-Whai-a-te-Motu," which was built by the Urewera for Te Kooti. At present Mataatua can only be reached on horseback from Te Whaiti.

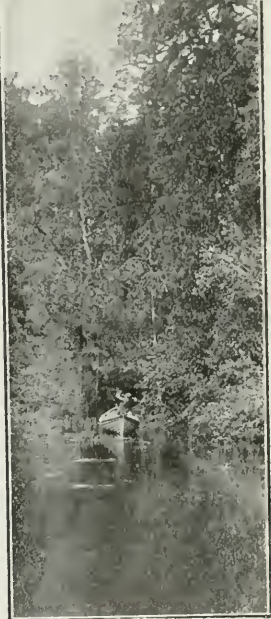


A BEAUTIFUL SCENE,
TUHOE COUNTRY

The bush road to Mataatua from Te Whaiti (the first native settlement reached by the Galatea route) passes through some very fine scenery. In places it mounts up many hundreds of feet sheer above the rushing rivers, a thin white line sharp-cut in the rocky mountain side. Above, and on every hand, the green forests clothe the savage nakedness of the confused ranges. The heavy murmur of the unseen river pouring down over its stony bed rises from the far depths; now and then the deeper roar of a waterfall. Bird-notes are frequent; the pleasant ding-dong of the *koko* (*tui*) and the harsh scream of the *kaka* parrot are oftenest heard. Graceful tree-ferns relieve the sombre bush with their delicate green and exquisite drooping frondage. Topping some elevated saddle, such as that of Tarapounamu, one gazes around on a veritable ocean of bush. In every direction as far as the eye can reach, the great billows of the woods roll their green crests—range after range thick with virgin forest to the highest peaks, and the deeps of the ravines between are lost in the purpling mists. Along each great gully clatters a noisy mountain torrent. Then hundreds and hundreds of feet down we dive into the streams again. We look down upon the wide branching tops of the lofty trees, perched in whose branches and forks one often sees great lumps of rock, caught when they were hurled from the new road above by the pioneer navvies of Tuhoe-land. Those who hanker after bush scenery will have their desires more than satisfied here; in fact, it is with relief that one emerges

from the encompassing shade of the dark forest, and sees before him the open valley of Ruatahuna.

All over the country, even in the most inaccessible parts, are the ruins of ancient fortified *pas*,



ON WAIRAU-MOANA



THE OUTLET,
LAKE WAIKAREMOANA



MASTERTON

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TROUT PONDS, MASTERTON

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and every creek and peak, and many an ancient tree, have stories all their own. On the fern-covered hill of Umurakau, which overlooks the peaceful vale of the Whirinaki, near Te Whaiti, there still stand the great totara palisade posts, which remind the passer-by that this lonely mount was once a fortress village full of busy life. Not far away are the ruins of Te Harema Pa, which was rushed and captured by the late Major Fox (Pokiha) and his loyal Arawa, in 1869. Further up the country, past the savage gorges of the Okahu, are other battlefields and skirmish-grounds. A square-walled, fern-grown redoubt at Ruatahuna, frowning down on the waters of the Waihui Creek, was assulted and taken by the Colonial forces under Colonel St. John in 1869, and under its earthen walls Captain Travers found a lonely grave in the land of the mountain-men.

TE PUIA HOT SPRINGS.—These medicinal springs are near Waipiro Bay, on the East Coast, about 70 miles north of Gisborne. There is a Government accommodation house; this and the baths are controlled by the Tourist Department.

PAHIATUA, on the railway line, 107 miles from Wellington, is the centre of a very fine fishing and shooting district. The Makuri River, famous for its rainbow trout, is within easy walking distance from this township, and by a 12 miles coach drive through the Makuri Gorge to the village of the same name, the visitor may view some exceedingly fine forest, gorge, and river scenery. Hotel accommodation at Pahiataua and Makuri: tariff, 8/- to 10/- per day.

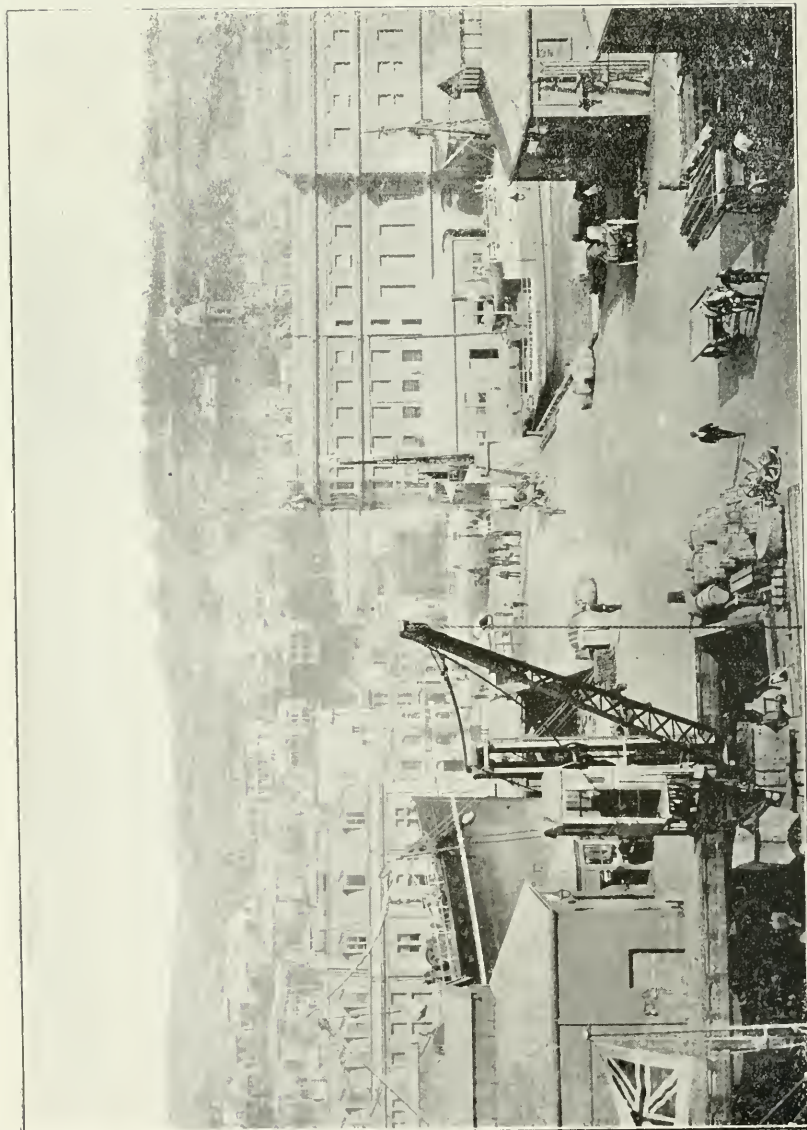
MASTERTON is an interesting town, which may be visited *en route*, and excellent sport for rod and gun may be found in the district. It has several good hotels. Buggies, etc., may be hired in the district.

MARTINBOROUGH, a small village with two hotels, situated about 55 miles from Wellington,—45 miles by rail and 12 by coach—is the most convenient point from which stalkers can approach the red deer country of the Wairarapa, which contains some of the finest herds in New Zealand. Tents and guides can be obtained at Martinborough.

The train to Wellington passes over the Rimutaka incline, which has a grade of one in fifteen for three miles.



MOKAU FALLS, WAIKAREMOANA
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WELLINGTON FROM WHARF

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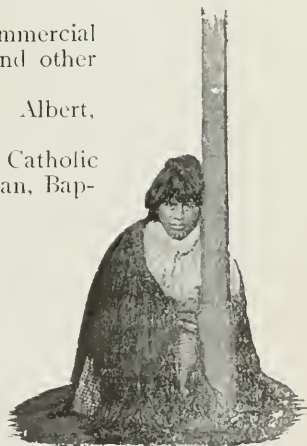
The Head Office of the New Zealand Government Tourist and Health Resorts Department is situated in Panama street. Visitors to Wellington may obtain any information respecting New Zealand by making application to that Department, or at any of the branch offices at Auckland, Te Aroha, Rotorua, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—These face the Queen's Wharf. The General Post Office is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Wellington (residential), the Commercial Travellers', the Wellesley, the Working Men's, and other non-residential clubs.

Hotels.—Royal Oak, Empire, Hotel Cecil, Albert, Grand Hotel, and Windsor.

Principal Places of Worship.—Anglican, Roman Catholic (Cathedral), Presbyterian, Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.





GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WELLINGTON

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TOWN HALL, WELLINGTON, FROM WHARF.

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Newspapers.—"The N.Z. Times" and "The Dominion" (published every morning), "The Evening Post." "The N.Z. Mail," and "The Free Lance" are weeklies.

Population.—About 70,000.

Conveyances.—Electric trams connect the city with the suburbs. There is also a cable car to Kelburne.

Cab Fares.—From Wharf to Hotel or *vice versa*, 1s. 6d. each; Railway Station to Hotel or *vice versa*, 2s. each. The fare by the hour is 5s.; after 7 p.m., or before 8 a.m., double fares are charged.

Parliament is in Assembly usually from June to October. The Parliamentary Library is one of the best in the Southern Seas.

The Government Offices are on the northern end of Lambton Quay, close to Government House, Parliament Buildings, and the Government Printing Office.

The Museum, which is in Museum Street, opposite to Government House, is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days, and from 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoons. The museum contains many fine examples of Maori carving, New Zealand birds and geological specimens, samples of timbers, etc.

The Free Public Library, Mercer Street, contains many valuable books of reference, and all current newspapers and magazines. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.



BANK OF
NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON



ISLAND BAY,
WELLINGTON

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Principal Scholastic Institutions.—Victoria College = Girls' High School, Thorndon; Wellington College and St. Patrick's College, near the Basin Reserve.

Recreation Grounds.—Newtown Park and Athletic Park at Newtown; Basin Reserve at Southern end of Cambridge



MANAWATU GORGE

Terrace; Botanical Gardens near the top of Tinakori Road; Golf Links and Polo Grounds at Miramar, Racecourse and Golf Links at Lower Hutt.

The Public Hospital and Mt. View Lunatic Asylum are in Newtown, the main Lunatic Asylum being at Porirua.

Principal Industries.—Wellington Woollen Company's Mills and Gear Company's Meat Works at Petone; and Meat Export Company's works at Ngauranga.

Excursions.—A railway trip to Featherston embraces some pretty forest scenery, and includes a journey down and up the Rimutaka Incline, on which the Fell system is employed to work trains; length of Incline 3 miles, grade one in fifteen. Day's Bay, across Wellington Harbour (7 miles). Native bush, grounds, pavilion. Very pretty spot. Refreshments may be obtained.



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GOVERNMENT
HOUSE,
WELLINGTON

Belle Vue Gardens, Lower Hutt, are reached by rail or vehicle; the railway line and road for some distance skirt the sea shore. The gardens are beautifully laid out, and there is a first-class hotel in the grounds, where luncheon or afternoon tea may be obtained. There are croquet and tennis lawns.

The trip to Island Bay, going by Oriental Bay and returning by Newtown, or *vice versa*, is interesting and enjoyable. Electric cars run through Newtown to the Bay. Excellent drives are to Lower Hutt (8 miles), Taita (12 miles), Porirua (14 miles), Lowry Bay (14 miles), Karori (4 miles).

Railways.—Trains leave every morning for Masterton and Napier, *via* the Rimutaka Incline, Palmerston, Whanganui, and New Plymouth, but as the times of departure of trains are always subject to alteration, the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table.



C. Martin and Duncan

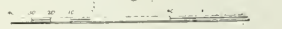
MAP OF North Island NEW ZEALAND



DISTANCES BY RAILWAY.

	Miles
Auckland to Tairāhira	57
" to Roturua	171
" to Wairoa	115
" to Cambridge	101
" to Taunara	148
" to Napier	407
Hera Rymahiti to Wanganui	276
" to Napier (via H. & M. Railway)	291
" to Wellington (via H. & M. Railway)	296
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Scale of English Miles



REFERENCE

- Government Railways over 100 miles
- Private Railways over 100 miles
- Small Railways
- Tramways
- Other

Flora

Many flowers and trees which now grow wild in this country are not indigenous, but for the most part this brief note will treat of the indogen rather than of the exogen. Among the most beautiful flowers to be seen in New Zealand are those of two trees, the RATA (*Metrosideros robusta*), and the POHUTUKAWA (*Metrosideros tomentosa*). In summer time the bright red blossoms of these trees are a brilliant contrast to the prevailing greens of the surrounding foliage. Several species of CLEMATIS are found on the fringe of the bush. The commonest variety is the large-flowered white *Clematis indivisa*, or as the Maori calls it, PUAWAXANGA. The HOHERE, known by its pretty white flowers, is abundant in many parts, and the *Clianthus puniceus* (Maori, *Kowhai-ngutu-kaka*) is a gorgeous New Zealand pea, whose scarlet flowers are often seen in gardens. The KOWHAI (*Sophora tetraptera*) is a handsome tree, and its golden yellow flowers are easily recognisable. The two species of MANUKA, the accent on the first syllable (*Leptospermum scoparium* and *L. ericoides*) are very abundant in New Zealand. The *L. ericoides* is easily distinguished by its smaller leaves and flowers, the latter placed on short pedicels, and the calyx-tube of which is longer than in the other variety. These hardy shrubs bear in summer an abundance

of pink and white flowers, which brighten the landscape considerably.

The PANAKE (*Convolvulus sepium*) is a slender plant which climbs over shrubs and small trees. The flowers are white. The *Senecio hectori* is a handsome shrub, which flowers abundantly in January. The florets are white and the



CLIANTHUS PUNICEUS
(*Kowhai-ngutu-kaka*)



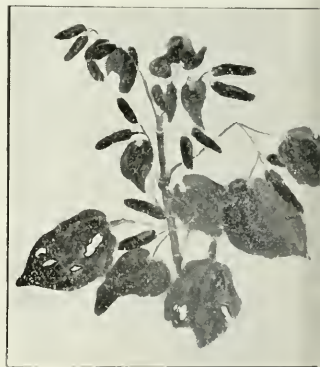
LEPTOSPERMUM SCOPARIUM
(*Manuka*)



CONVOLVULUS SEPIUM
(Panake)

capitulum is yellow. The POROPORO (*Solanum aviculare*) is a shrub common in the North Island. It bears a truly baccate and edible fruit, or berry as it is more commonly called. Other striking New Zealand berry bearers are the TAWA (*Nesodaphne tawa*), berries purple; the KOHE-KOHE (*Dysoxylum spectabile*), which bears ripe (green) berries and waxy-white flowers at the same time; the TITOKI (*Alectryon excelsum*), berry bright scarlet with one black exalbuminous seed. The SUPPLE-JACK (*Rhipogonum scandens*) is a tall tough climbing plant, whose reticulated stems form in the forest a network barrier to the advance of the intruder upon its domain. The berries are bright scarlet. The KARAKA (*Corynocarpus laevigata*) is a tall tree bearing fruit of a bright orange colour, formerly much used by the Maori as food; the KAWAKAWA (*Piper excelsum*) bears a yellow catkin with black spots. The leaves are very aromatic.

The Australian gum tree has been introduced into this country, and the BLUE-GUM (*Eucalyptus globulus*) is especially common. There are several varieties of Coprosma in New Zealand, well-known by their berries. They are probably anemophilous, that is to say, fertilised by the agency of the winds. Numerous species of the HEATH family (*Gaultheria*) flourish in this country. There are also several genera of ORCHIDS, the commonest species of which (*Dendrobium cunninghamii*) is a true epiphyte, growing on the trunks of trees. The NEW ZEALAND FLAX (*Phormium tenax*) is exceedingly widespread, and the CABBAGE TREE (*Cordyline australis*) is also abundant. Both belong to the natural order *Liliaceæ*.



PIPER EXCELSUM (Kawakawa)



ALECTRYON EXCELSUM
(Titoki)

The NIKAU (*Arca sapida*) with its large pinnate leaves, is one of the most beautiful palms to be found anywhere. In the forests north of Auckland may be seen the KAURI (*Dammara australis*), and in other parts, the KAHIKATEA or white pine (*Podocarpus dacrydioides*), RIMU (*Dacrydium cupressinum*), PURIRI (*Vitex littoralis*), and other handsome trees. There is also an immense variety of ferns, and amongst others may be mentioned the *Dicksonia squarrosa*, a handsome tree-fern; the Kidney Fern (*Trichomanes reniforme*); many varieties of Maiden Hair (*Adiantum*), *Lomaria*, *Pteris*, *Gleichenia*, *Lycopodium*, and *Asplenium*.

One of the curiosities of our natural history is the vegetating caterpillar (*Cordiceps robertsii*), or, as it is in Maori, *Awhato* or *Aweto*. This vegetable caterpillar, as it is commonly called, leads an ordinary and uneventful life until it is attacked by a sphaeriaceous fungus, when the whole of the body of the caterpillar becomes gradually filled with the mycelium of the fungus, until nearly all traces of its internal structure are obliterated. If unmolested by the fungus, the caterpillar is said to develop into a moth (*Hepialus virescens*). Of this, however, there is no direct proof.



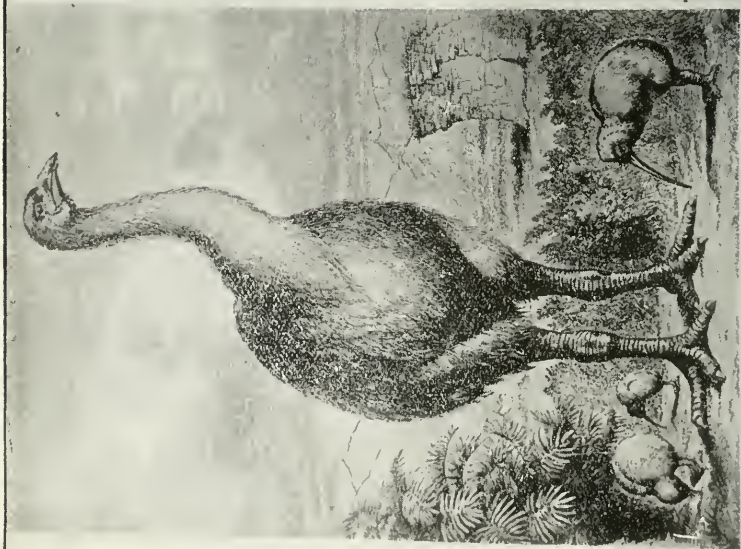
DYSOXYLUM
SPECTABILE
(Kohrkohe)



DICKSONIA SQUARROSA



TRICHOMANES RENIFORME (Kidney Fern)



THE A W I
AS IT WAS WHEN ALIVE
(HOCKSTETTER)



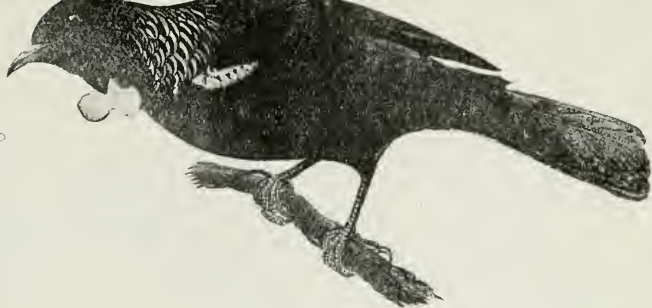
THE SKELETON



ADULT MAORI

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THE TUI OR
PARSON BIRD



Birds

The most extraordinary ornithic feature of New Zealand is the existence in past ages of gigantic birds, the *Hapagornis*, the *Dinornis* or Moa, and the *Cnemidornis*—a gigantic goose. The Moa, skeletons of which may be seen in various museums, has been extinct for hundreds of years. Nevertheless, as the avifauna of New Zealand has probably



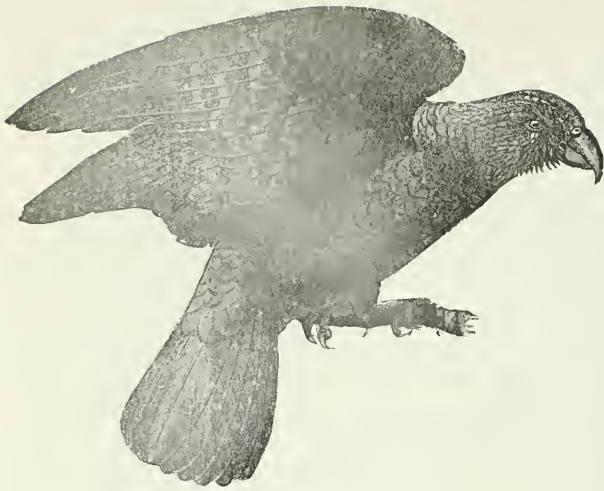
SKULL OF MOA

been longer isolated than that of any other part of the globe, there is possibly no other country in the world more interesting to ornithologists.

The following are some of the birds peculiar to New Zealand: The PARADISE DUCK or PUTANGITANGI (*Casarca variegata*), the BROWN DUCK or PATEKE (*Anas chlorotis*) and the BLUE DUCK or WHIO (*Hymenolaimus malacorhynchus*), and also the BLACK TEAL or PAPANGO (*Fuligula novæ-zealandiæ*) are all found in both islands. The KAKA



THE FANTAIL



THE KEA

OR BROWN PARROT (*Nestor meridionalis*) is to be met with in both islands, but the KEA (*Nestor notabilis*) is only found in the South Island and then only in alpine regions. This latter parrot, formerly strictest of vegetarians, has developed a taste for mutton. It sometimes attacks live sheep, and



THE KAKA

with its sharp beak digs into the bodies, for the fat surrounding the kidneys. The LAUGHING OWL or WHEKAU (*Athene albifacies*) is found principally in the South Island, but the STITCH-BIRD or MATAKIORE (*Pogonornis cincta*), and the HUIA (*Heteralocha acutirostris*) whose feathers are worn by the Maori *rangatira*, are only to be met with in the North Island. The TUI or PARSON BIRD (*Prothemadera nova-zealandiae*) is a pretty but unfortunately rapidly diminishing species common to both islands. There are two THRUSHES or PPIO in this country, the one, *Turnagra crassirostris*, is now rare and only found in the South Island; the other, the *T. hectori*, is confined to the southern part of the North Island. The SWAMP HEX or PUKEKO (*Porphyrus melanotis*) is common to both islands. The KIWI (*Apteryx*) is an interesting wingless bird, of which there are four varieties. There are also four kinds of WOODHEN or WEKA (*Ocydromus*) peculiar to this country, and a native PIGEON, KERERU or KUKU (*Carpophaga nova-zealandiae*) common to both islands. This pretty bird feeds on berries and leaves, and its flesh is delicious eating. The BELL-BIRD or KORIMAKO (*Anthornis melanura*) is found chiefly in the South Island, and its note is of unmistakable bell-like quality. As Aflalo has well said: "In New Zealand fifty-eight out of sixty-nine families of land birds are found nowhere else—not, as might be expected, all flightless birds, for these number only twenty, including four species of apteryx, a duck, the KAKARŌ or ground parrot, the *Notornis*, and a dozen (*Ocydromus*) wood-hens."

Since this was written a new and interesting book, "Nature in New Zealand," edited by Capt. F. W. Hutton, F.R.S., has appeared. It is written simply, for the non-scientific reader.



NEW ZEALAND
PIGEON



BELL BIRD



Photos by Des.

Mount Green

PICTON



Nelson and West Coast

[For railway fares and times of departure of trains see Government penny Time Table, and for other particulars not contained in the Guide the visitor is referred to the Itinerary published by the Government Tourist Department.]

The U.S.S. Co.'s steamers run almost daily to Picton and Nelson. The voyage from Wellington to Picton occupies about four hours. After crossing Cook Strait, the steamer enters the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound. This is a magnificent sheet of water, in which all the ships of the world's navies might simultaneously shelter. It is girt by high hills, and the shore is bordered with peaceful little bays and inlets, whose tranquil enticements are a joy and solace to the way-worn traveller.

PICTON (Hotels, Federal and Terminus) is a township charmingly situated on one of the reaches at the head of the Sound, and it is from here that those who wish to see some of the almost innumerable picturesque bays and inlets of this exceedingly beautiful Sound, will find facilities for doing so which do not exist elsewhere.

Pleasant excursions may be made by means of oil launches at a very moderate cost. There are frequent services to Endeavour Inlet and Resolution Bay, 40 miles; to The Grove, 16 miles; and to Te Awaiti, 18 miles.

NEAR PICTON





QUEEN
CHARLOTTE
SOUND

Sea fishing and interesting trips to many parts not touched by the regular services may be made by special arrangement with the launch proprietors.

Ship Cove, made famous by the visits of Cook in 1770-7, may be reached from Endeavour Inlet by boats always procurable from the residents. Mount Stokes, 3951 feet high, the loftiest mountain in the district, can easily be ascended from Endeavour Inlet, and its summit commands an extensive view over the Sounds and Cook Strait.

From the hills surrounding Picton charming glimpses of the village and the Sound may be caught; indeed, it would be difficult to walk from Picton in any direction without discovering new and interesting points of view. Walking may also be varied by boating, trout fishing, and shooting.

There are very large freezing works, the property of the Christchurch Meat Co. Ltd., at Picton, which will doubtless interest those who have never seen anything of the kind.

Pelorus Sound, one of the finest series of sheltered harbours in the world, abounding in idyllic picnic-



PELORUS
SOUND

NELSON
HARBOUR



Wheeler and Son, photos

bays, is easily reached from Picton. Its shores are in many places clothed with beautiful bush.

BLenheim (Hotels, Criterion and Masonic) which is reached by train from Picton, can also boast of some fine scenery in its immediate vicinage. Drives can be made from here to Havelock and the Pelorus Sound, and to Tuamarina—the scene of the Wairau fight (1843). There is also good fishing and shooting in the district.

The journey to Nelson may be continued by coach from Blenheim (78 miles) or via Torea Portage, and up Pelorus Sound by launch to Havelock, thence coach, or by one of the U.S.S. Co.'s steamers from Picton. The voyage from Picton to Nelson is full of interest, if made in daylight. After again passing through Queen Charlotte Sound the open sea is reached by another outlet at Jackson's Head. The steamer then passes lofty headlands on the shore, and its course winds through an islet studded sea. The coastline of the mainland is broken by bays and sounds, including the famous Pelorus Sound, until the vessel enters the French Pass. This is an exceedingly narrow channel which separates the mainland from D'Urville Island, and through which the tidal current runs with great velocity.

DOVEDALE
FORD,
NELSON





HAPPY VALLEY

are full of novelty and interest to the traveller. This big fish is the only one of his kind whose habitat is in these waters. The regularity with which he meets every ship at the same spot is quite remarkable, and "cameraists" should be ready on the bows of the ship to "snap" him. Any of the officers will inform the traveller when and where the finny visitant may be expected to pay his call, and when he will wave his tail *pour prendre congé*.

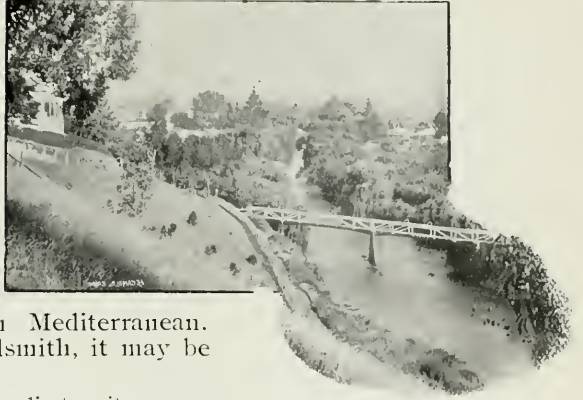
From the French Pass to Nelson, the vessel steams along close to an interesting and sheltered coast.

NELSON (Hotel, The Masonic; Boarding-houses, Warwick House and Lightband's) is a perfectly idyllic spot, and in the charm of its environs and the beauty of its climate, it rivals any of the towns



HAVELOCK

MAITAI
RIVER,
NELSON



on the north-western Mediterranean.
To slightly vary Goldsmith, it may be
truly said that here—

Beauteous spring its earliest visit pays,
And parting summer's lingering beam delays.

The climate of "Sunny Nelson" is almost unrivalled. For weeks and even months together, there is gorgeous cloudless sunshine, and the surrounding country is one vast, glad garden of fruits, hops, and flowers.

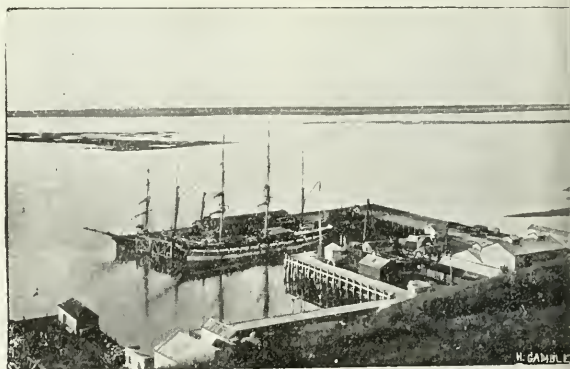
A drive round the immediate suburbs of Nelson is full of charm. The Maitai (obsolete Maori word, meaning beautiful), with its banks festooned by willows, crossed and recrossed in its sinuous course by picturesque bridges, is a veritable dream of tranquil beauty. Drives to the Waterworks, to the Cable Station at Wakapuaka, and to Stoke will please the most fastidiously captious. Nelson is also the musical Mecca of New Zealand, and boasts the only School of Music in the colony.





THE
WATERWORKS ROAD,
NELSON

There are many other places worthy of a visit in the Nelson district by those to whom Chronos is not an ever present ogre compelling them to hasten their



THE
BOULDER BANK,
NELSON

steps. The sportsman is tempted to linger here, as deer, both red and fallow, are to be found on the hills, and the streams abound in trout; whilst Takaka, Collingwood, and Motueka will appeal to those who are indifferent to sport, but not insensible to the beauties of nature.



THE ROCKS,
MORNING

THE WEST COAST.

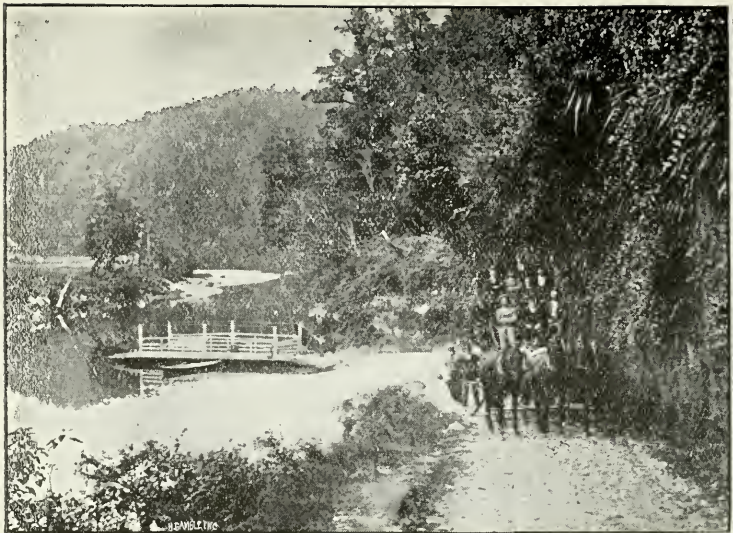
This scenic paradise is reached from Nelson either by coach or by steamer. If the coach journey is decided upon, the train is taken from Nelson to Koliatu, where the coach is boarded. The journey to Westport by coach, via the beautiful Buller Gorge, occupies two days; the steamer does the distance in about 16 hours.

WESTPORT (Hotels, Grand and Empire) is the Newcastle of New Zealand. Some of the finest coal deposits in the world are to be seen here, notably on the property of the Westport Coal Company. The "Calliope," on the historic occasion when she steamed safely out to sea during the hurricane at Samoa, was burning this coal. Cape Foulwind is worth a visit, and amongst other things, a fine view can be obtained from the lighthouse. The remarkable railway from Denniston coal mines is supposed to be the steepest railway gradient in the world. The town itself is perched upon a plateau 1,950 feet above the level of the sea, and may be reached from the railway terminus by a bridle path, on foot or on horse-back. In the distance, Denniston looks like some ancient walled city of Palestine.

The coach leaves Westport every day for Reefton at about eight o'clock. The distance is approximately 40 miles, and the route lies for some miles through the weird and impressive Buller Gorge, than which, *sui generis*, nothing finer could well be imagined. On the one hand are the Buller River and the everlasting hills,



THE
BULLER RIVER



THE BULLER
ROAD

Ring, photo

and on the other precipitous cliffs densely overgrown with trees, shrubs, and ferns. Now the mighty river flows serenely on its way to the sea, and ever and anon it is cabined and confined by its steep banks in a narrower channel, and swirls and rushes madly on, brimful of anger and resentment at the restraint. The luxuriance of the vegetation on the banks is truly wonderful; trees, flowers, and berries, ferns and fern-arches, are a constant source of joyful surprise to the traveller. Wordsworth has said of "Peter Bell":

A primrose by the river's brim
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more.

but "Peter Bell" could hardly have travelled the Buller Gorge without some of its beauty appealing even to his small unknowing soul.

No pen can give an adequate idea of the splendid magnificence of the Buller and Otira Gorges. They must be seen—and not read about.



LITTLE
HAWK'S CRAIG,
BULLER GORGE

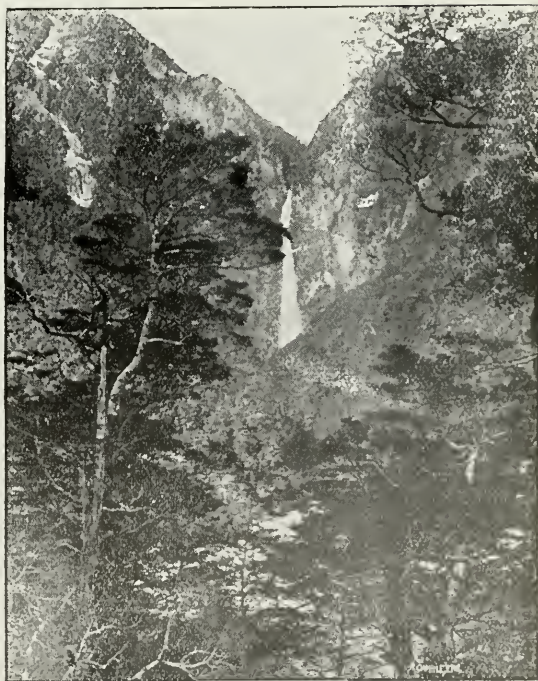
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REEFTON (Hotels, Dawson's and Stevenson's) is a gold-mining town. Quartz-reefing is the principal local method of gold-winning. The train leaves Reefton for Greymouth every morning at 7.30, and also on the afternoons of the days on which the coach arrives from Nelson and Westport. (Distance 46 miles; time occupied, three hours).

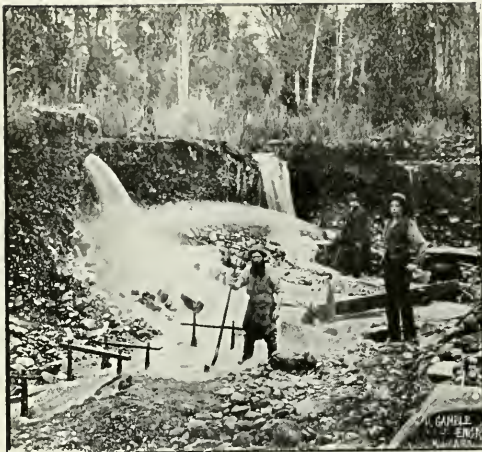
GREYMOUTH (Hotels, Post Office and Albion) is the most prosperous town on the coast, and there are many beauty spots worth seeing within easy access, such as Lake Brunner, Coal Creek, etc. Trains to Hokitika daily.

HOKITIKA (Hotels, The Empire and Keller's) has in the immediate vicinity some most beautiful lake and river scenery. On Lake Kanieri can often be seen in one day half a dozen differing schemes of colour. This beautiful lake is about two hours' drive from Hokitika. Buggy and good horses may be obtained for the day from the local livery stables. An oil launch may be hired at the lake to visit the beautiful bays, the island, and waterfall. On the Mahinapua Creek are some of the most wonderful reflections to be seen anywhere in the world. Boats, or an excellent

DEVIL'S
PUNCH BOWL,
OTIRA GORGE



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GOLD
SLUICING,
KUMARA

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oil launch, may be hired at reasonable rates to voyage up the creek to Lake Mahinapua.

The West Coast mountain and glacier scenery is magnificent. Two to three days' coach drive brings one to the great Franz Josef Glacier, and the Fox Glacier is nineteen miles further on. The road is good, but several of the large rivers are unbridged. For the alpinist there are trans-alpine routes from these glaciers to the Mount Cook Hermitage; a week's notice should be given to the Government guides at the Hermitage.

KUMARA (Hotels, Rugg's and Pearn's) is the centre of a hydraulic mining district, and some of the sluicing claims are well worth a visit. The road from Hokitika to Kumara leads through several practically "deserted villages," *auri sacra fames* has caused the population to move on, as gold is no longer to be found in these places in sufficient quantity.

THE OTIRA GORGE.—This fine trans-alpine coach route is one of the most famous tourist routes in the colony. Trains from Grey-mouth, and coaches from Kumara



GIANT PINE,
WEST COAST
ROAD

convey passengers to Otira, where the scenic route begins. A delightful coaching run, traversing the wonderful Otira Gorge and Arthur's Pass, and passing the Rolleston Glacier and the Devil's Punch Bowl, brings the tourist to the head of the Christchurch railway line at Broken River.

Many have written of the beauties of the Otira Gorge, and perhaps two quotations may be permitted here. One is from an article by Archibald Forbes, in which he says—"Between the inhabited portions of the two provinces (Canterbury and Westland), there stretches a lofty range of rugged precipitous mountains, with snow-covered summits and glacier-clad sides. Through the ravines of these there has been made a road, compared with which in dizzy boldness of engineering and road-making, those of which I have had experience—whether in the Alps, the Carpathians, the Balkans, or the Himalayas—are tame and prosaic."

The other writer is the Rev. R. Waddell, D.D., who says: "The scenery here is by far the most magnificent on the road; indeed, it is doubtful, at least in some respects, if there is anything in the world to surpass it. The road zig-zags down



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BUSH SCENE,
NEAR JACKSON'S,
WEST COAST
ROAD



COAL CREEK,
GREY VALLEY

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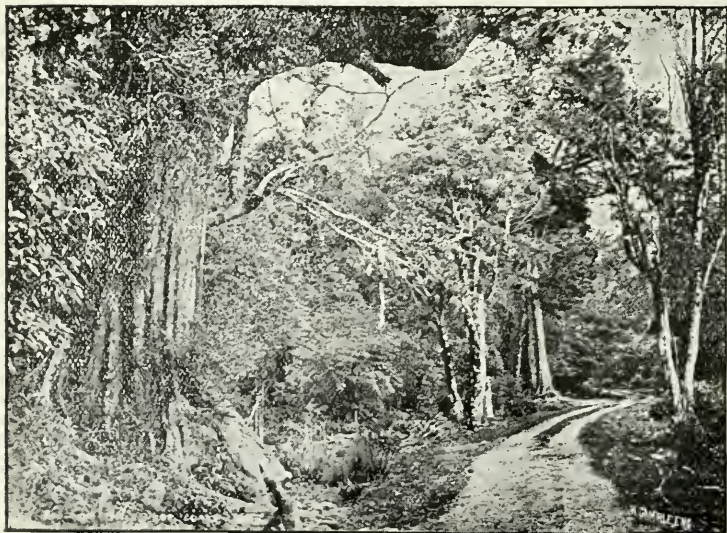


MT. ROLLESTON,
WEST COAST ROAD

OTIS, PHOTO

the mountain side to a depth of nearly 1500 feet. In some places it is cut out of solid rock, and in others it is carried over ravines on embankments faced with walls made of timber cribbing, filled with blocks of stone. The mountains on both sides rise to a height of some 7,000 feet, and are densely wooded. The road winds down to the right of the gorge, and at every turn reveals some new point of interest that wins our admiration."

The mountain face on the left-hand side is one vast forest, crested on the top by crowns of snow. Seen from the head of the pass, when distance smooths out details, the far wooded slopes look like the moveless wavelets of a deep green sea. On the right as you descend there is every possible variety of scenery. Here it is a sliding mass of shale and stones, that, loosened from the high rocks above, threatens to overflow the road; there it is an ascending slope of shrubs, and trees, and ferns—the dark green manuka, the curious cabbage-like neinei (*Dracophyllum latifolium*), the pale purple veronica and the flashing crimson of the rata.



WEST COAST
ROAD

Now you look upon a lichen-bedded wall of rock rising sheer a hundred feet from the ground, and sweet with perpetual streamlets "that seem always to have chosen the steepest places to come down for the sake of the leap"; again it is a broad upward stretch of stately birch, climbing the rocky slopes to kiss the snow above.

On the other side of the road you gaze down into a great ravine with its hundreds of fairy nooks



OTIRA GORGE

Kuir and Mcodie, photo

hidden beneath umbrageous ferns, and festooned with garlands that only nature herself could weave; while away in the far depths of the gorge the streamlet, struggling out from the moraine that blocks the pass, tortures itself round rock and boulder, and frets and foams and leaps downward to the plains.

This trans-alpine rail and coach run, from Grey-mouth to Christchurch, is accomplished in one day.

The traveller who has seen the wonders of the Thermal district, the beauties of the Whanganui River, the grandeur of the Southern Alps, the sublimity of the West Coast Sounds, the loveliness of the Cold Lakes, and the majesty of the Buller and Otira Gorges, must have been impressed by the exceeding and astonishing variety of Maoriland scenery. Dryden wrote of George Villiers as

A man so various, that he seemed to be
Not one, but all mankind's epitome;

and New Zealand, so various in its scenic wonders, seems to be an epitome of all that is beautiful and grand in all the other countries of the globe.



Photo by Dr. E. Teichelmann

MAHINAPUA STREAM REFLECTIONS



LYELL BRIDGE, UPPER BULLER GORGE.



AT BEALEY GORGE.

DISTANCES BY RAILWAY

Christchurch to Dunedin	133
Dunedin to Dunedin	230
Dunedin to Auckland	33
to Napier	133
to Hastings	6
to Bluff	133
to Auckland (via Palmerston North)	133
to Bluff	230
Bluff to Auckland	133

Scale of English Miles



REFERENCE

Government Railways	—
Private Lines	—
Coastal Lines	—
Passes and Branches	—
Steamship Lines	—

MAP OF Middle Island NEW ZEALAND



CATHEDRAL
SQUARE,
CHRISTCHURCH



Christchurch

[Any further particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office, Cathedral Square].

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The G.P.O. is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telegraph office is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These three offices are in the same building. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Christchurch and the Canterbury.

Hotels.—United Service, Warner's, Clarendon, Coker's, Café de Paris, and others. Cockayne's Leviathan and Gloucester House are excellent boarding-houses.

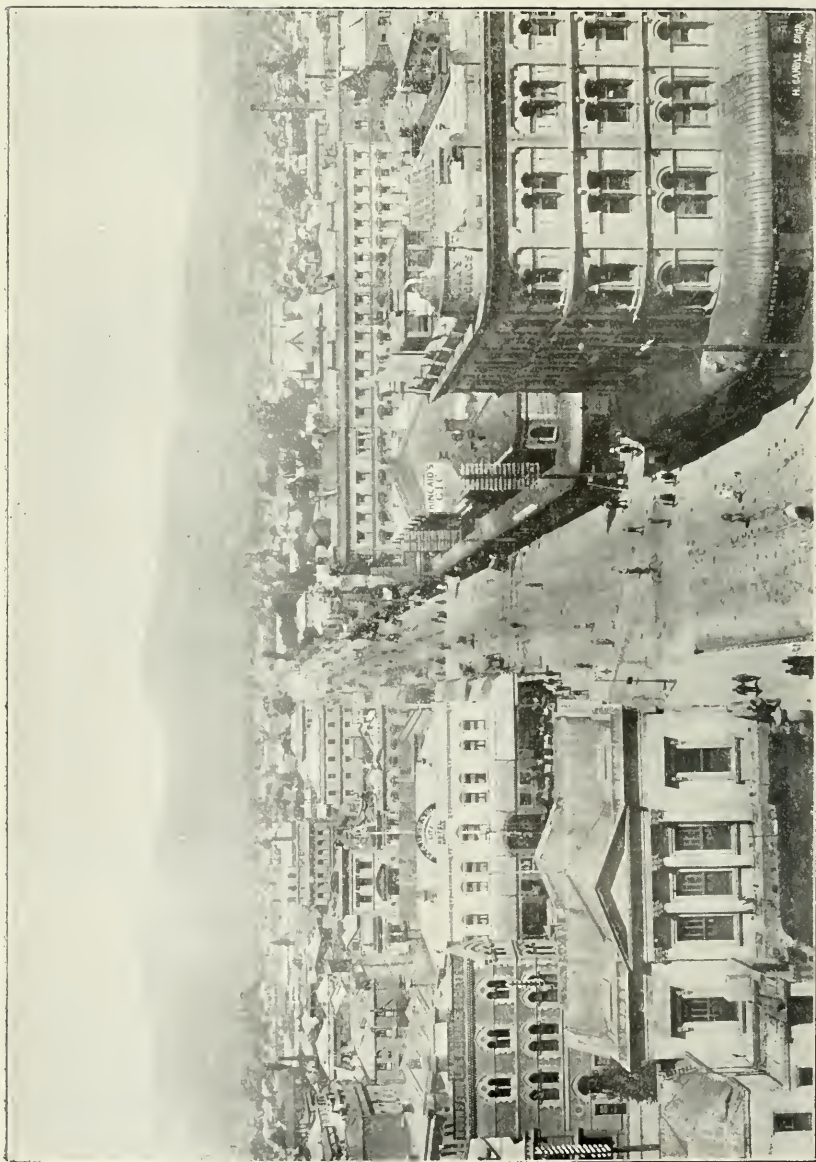
Principal places of Worship.—Anglican Cathedral, Roman Catholic Cathedral, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Congregational, Baptist, Jewish Synagogue, and German Lutheran.

Newspapers.—The "Christchurch Press," and the "Lyttelton Times" (published every morning). The "Star" and "Truth" (published every evening). The following are weekly newspapers: The "Weekly Press," the "Canterbury Times," and the "Spectator."

Population.—About 68,000.

IN DOMAIN,
CHRISTCHURCH





CHRISTCHURCH

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BOATING SCENE
ON THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH



Conveyances.—The city has an electric tram system. Trams run from the Cathedral Square to Sumner and New Brighton, popular seaside resorts. On the Sumner line the trams are propelled by steam, as are also those running to Papanui. Omnibuses run to Riccarton and Fendalton. The cab horses in Christchurch are the best in New Zealand, and the “hansoms” and “four-wheelers” are good and up to date. The fares are the same as those obtaining in Auckland.

Railways.—As the times of departure of trains, and the fares are necessarily liable to alteration, such information will not appear in these pages, and the tourist should obtain a copy of the Government penny time-table as soon as possible after his arrival.

Principal Scholastic Institutions.—Canterbury College, Agricultural College, the Boys’ and Girls’ High Schools, Girton College, and Mrs. Bowen’s Girls’ School.

Principal Industries.—The ‘Belfast Freezing Co.’s works, Aulsebrook and ‘Co.’s cocoa, chocolate, and biscuit factory, Hayward Bros’., Ltd.

Sights.—The Christchurch museum is well worth a visit, and the gardens adjoining are interesting, and well kept. The Anglican Cathedral is always open to visitors, and a fine view may be obtained from its steeple.



THE AVON
CHRISTCHURCH

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LYTTELTON HARBOUR

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The freezing works at Belfast will also interest many visitors. The chief charm of Christchurch is the River Avon, and there are several boat-sheds on the banks where boats and canoes can be hired at very reasonable rates.

There are also some very pretty drives in the neighbourhood of Christchurch, and a buggy, landau, or drag may be hired at moderate price by the hour, or for the day, from the local stables. A pleasant drive, of about an hour and a half, is that down lower High street to Wilson's Road, passing Lancaster Park on the way, and driving through Opawa, Wools-ton, and the Heathcote Valley, returning by Ferry road. This drive gives the visitor many excellent peeps of the Heathcote with its willow-fringed banks. An extension of this trip may be made to take in Sumner, the leading watering place of Christchurch, which will well repay a visit. Luncheon may be obtained there, and the trip can be done in about two hours and a half, but a few hours may be spent pleasantly on the sands. Another short and pleasant drive of about two hours' duration may be taken by following the course of the beautiful Avon in an easterly direction through Avon-side and Darlington and thence via Burwood to New Brighton, returning by Linwood. Characteristically English scenery will be found by taking a drive to Riccarton and vicinity, where many fine suburban residences will be seen, and one of the prettiest Race Courses in the colonies. The return journey can be made through Middleton and Sunnyside, and the whole trip will occupy about three hours. Perhaps the best extended drive from Christchurch is to Governor's Bay, Lyttelton, and Sumner. During the day the visitor will obtain the best possible view of Christchurch and the extensive and fertile plains which surround it, whilst from Dyer's



VICTORIA BRIDGE,
ON THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH

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THE AVON,
CHRISTCHURCH

Pass a splendid view of Lyttelton Harbour is afforded. A halt may be made at Governor's Bay for lunch, where good accommodation may be obtained. From this point to Lyttelton, about seven miles, a well-kept road skirts the Harbour. From Lyttelton to Sumner over the famous Zig-Zag is the steepest climb in Canterbury. Over this Zig-Zag, in the early days before the railway, all goods for Christchurch had to be carted. The variety and charm of the views to be obtained on the road cannot fail to please anyone who journeys over it. The drive from Sumner to town is about eight miles, and the road passes through flat country. The total distance covered is about thirty miles.

A very pleasant holiday place is AKAROA (Banks Peninsula), reached by train and coach via Little River, or by steamer and coach via Pigeon Bay. There are several hotels at Akaroa, and the visitor has a variety of beautiful walks and rides, boating excursions and good sea-fishing.

Trains leave Christchurch every day to connect with the Wellington steamer at Lyttelton. Two express trains leave every day for Ashburton, Timaru, and Dunedin. Trains also leave for the north to connect at Culverden with the motors for Hammer's famous hot mineral springs.



MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH

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The Hanmer Hot Springs

Hotel, Jollie's Pass, two-and-a-half miles from the Springs. Good accommodation may be obtained at the Government Spa, and several other accommodation houses.

Hanmer is 93 miles from Christchurch, and is reached by train (69 miles) and motor and coach (24 miles). The train leaves Christchurch every morning to connect with the Government motor cars at Culverden, but invalids and others who object to early rising, may leave Christchurch on two days



KAIAPOI

Muir and Moodie, photo

in the week by the evening train, and spend the night at the hotel in Culverden.

On the train journey from Christchurch to Culverden, Kaiapoi (or more correctly, Kaiapohia) is passed. In days gone by there was a large Maori *Pa* here, which was the chief stronghold of the Ngai-tahu tribe. So strong was the fortress, and so great was the warlike prowess of its brave defenders that Te Rauparaha, the redoubtable northern warrior, besieged the *Pa* in vain for many months. Being unable, with his twice six hundred men, to take the place by assault, he conceived the idea of setting fire to the palisades surrounding the village.



Tourist Dept. photo

BRIGHLING CREEK, HANMER.

Thus he piled great masses of *manuka* against these wooden breastworks, and waited for a breeze to blow towards the *Pa*. But while the wind was favourable to the besieged, some of the villagers sallied out and set fire to the scrub. The fortune of war, however, was against them; no sooner had they fired the *manuka* than the wind changed, and Te Rauparaha took the stronghold, *lapide et igne*, with great slaughter. A remnant of the Ngai-tahu still live in a *kainga* at Kaiapoi, but the village is now known for its celebrated woollen factory.

From Culverden to Hanmer the road is through the fertile Amuri plain, and for much of the journey the Waiau river flows close by. Hanmer is reached in time for dinner, and the tourist after his ride in the balmy mountain air will need no Epicurean cooks to

Sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite.

The Government Spa House, managed by the Government Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, is in the immediate vicinity of the baths, and a dip in the soft warm waters before dinner will be found very refreshing.

The water of Hanmer Springs is muriated alkaline saline, and somewhat sulphurous, and may be recommended in cases of rheumatism, skin diseases, neuralgia,



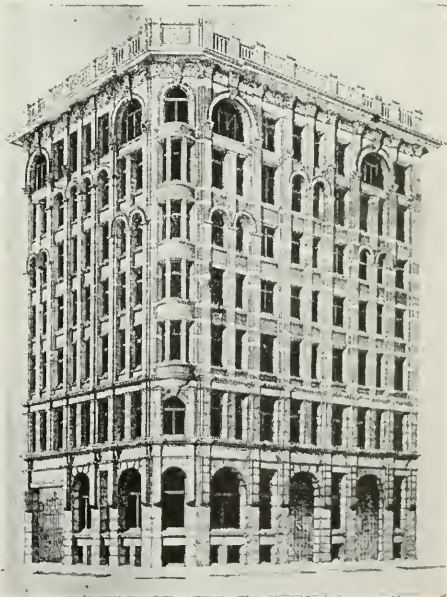
GOVERNMENT SPA, HANMER HOT SPRINGS

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hysteria, and general debility. The temperature of the baths can be regulated from cold up to 114 deg. Fahr., and there are also two warm swimming baths in the Spa grounds, each of which is fitted with cold showers. Patients may likewise have the benefit of the massage and hot air bath, if they care for these. The baths are all under Government control. Visitors may play bowls, tennis, and croquet, and there is a reading-room at their disposal.

The Clarence, just across the hills, is a picturesque stream, and this river is well stocked with the lusty trout, as are also the Waiau, Mason, and Hurunui rivers.

Hanmer is essentially a place of rest. There is but little in the way of scenery to attract the visitor, but as the Springs are 1200 feet above the sea level the air is bracing and tonic, and the complete change, the baths, and the fresh air cannot fail to invigorate the invalid who is weary in brain or body.



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MOUNT COOK AND GOVERNMENT HERMITAGE HOTEL

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MOUNT COOK 12,349 ft.

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TIMARU
HARBOUR



The Southern Alps

MOUNT COOK HERMITAGE.—To reach Mount Cook the visitor goes by train from Christchurch or Dunedin to Timaru, thence rail to Fairlie; or from Dunedin to Kurow (120 miles), whence the journey is continued by coach or buggy.

TIMARU (Hotels, the Empire and the Grosvenor), is a prosperous sea-port town, which enjoys an exceedingly bracing and equable climate. It is also the chief outlet of a large pastoral and agricultural district. Some of the best trout fishing in the colony may also be had in the district. Mr. Tasker, a very enthusiastic local angler, will be pleased to assist brother disciples of the genial Isaak both theoretically and practically.

Motor cars run from Fairlie to the Mount Cook Hermitage (Government hotel). Tourists should on no account travel without the Itinerary published by the New Zealand Government Tourist and Health Resorts Department, which is brought right up to date every season.

The distance by motor car and coach from Fairlie to the Hermitage is about 96 miles, and



TIMARU

the journey occupies one day. The first stage is to Lake Te Kapo, which is fed by rivers rising in the Godley and Cass Glaciers, and the first glimpse from this beautiful spot will not readily be forgotten. Prominent amongst the snowy peaks which here bound the view, Mt. Sefton (10,350 feet) stands out boldly. Mr. Green says that "the view of this giant peak was more striking from this place than from any other spot in the low country from which we saw it. From this point of view it reminded us in form of the Dent Blanche when seen from the direction of Mount Blanc." Travellers lunch at the Government hotel at Pukaki, 40 miles from Fairlie. Lake Pukaki

CAGE
ACROSS
HOOKER
RIVER,
MT. COOK



Muir and Moodie, photo

is fed by numerous glaciers on the eastern slope of the range. There the road runs beside the western shores of Lake Pukaki, and near the end of that lake the traveller transfers to a coach, in which he finishes the journey to the Hermitage. This mountain hotel, which is owned by the Government, is managed by the Tourist Department; hot and cold water is laid on to the baths. A fine new hotel is about to be erected by the Government on a new and beautiful site at Governor's Bush, commanding a magnificent view of Mount Cook. The Hermitage is 2,506 feet above the level of the sea, and here the traveller is

face to face with the noble peaks of the great Southern Alps. From the Rangitata to the Waitaki rivers there stretches an unbroken chain of nearly 100 miles, possessing hardly a col or pass free from eternal snow and ice. Some of the individual glaciers are of enormous size. The Tasman Glacier is 18 miles long by three broad, being thus larger than any in the Northern Alps, and only surpassed (outside the Polar regions) by the union of the glaciers in the Mustagh Range of the Himalaya Mountains.

There are a score of peaks over ten thousand feet in height, ranging from Mt. Haidinger (10,034 feet) to Mt. Hector (11,267 feet), Mt. Tasman (11,475 feet), and Mt. Cook (12,349 feet). Perhaps Ruskin could have done something like adequate justice to them, and perhaps some of us, in sight of these prodigies of grandeur, can feel something of what Ruskin felt



BALL HUT, TASMAN GLACIER

when he wrote in his "Modern Painters": "Watch at evening, as the east becomes purple, and the heaving mountains, rolling against it in darkness like waves of a wild sea, are drowned one by one in the glory of its burning; watch the white glaciers blaze in their winding paths about the mountains, like mighty serpents with scales of fire; watch the column or peaks of solitary snow, kindling downwards, chasm by chasm, each in itself a new morning, their long avalanches cast down in keen streams, brighter than the lightning, sending each his tribute of driven snow like altar smoke up to heaven; the rose light of their silent



Mts. SEPTON AND COOK
FROM MUELLER GLACIER





VIEW FROM MALTE BRUN TERRACE, SHOWING HUT, GUIDE CLARKE, AND MTS. TASMAN.
HAIDINGER AND DOUGLAS



LOOKING DOWN MUELLER GLACIER

Muir and Moodie photo



CROSSING THE HOOKER
TO GET ON TASMAN GLACIER

domes flushing that heaven about them and above them, piercing with purer light through its purple lines of lifted clouds, casting a new glory on every wreath as it passes by, until the whole heaven, one scarlet canopy, is interwoven with a roof of waving flame, and tossing vault beyond vault, with the drifted wings of many companies of angels; and then, when you can look no more for gladness, and when you are bowed down with fear and love of the Maker and Doer of this, tell me who has best delivered His message unto men."

The tourist could linger here for many months without exhausting the almost innumerable and amazingly glorious views round and about these Southern Alps. Quite close to the Hermitage are the Hooker Glacier, Kea Point (from which a fine view of the avalanches falling from Mount Sefton can be obtained), the Mueller Glacier, and the Sealy Range; from the top of this range is a view of the Upper Mueller Glacier and parts of the Hooker and Tasman Glaciers, which will well repay the energy expended in the climb. The Ball and Malte Brun Huts, on the Tasman Glacier, 14 and 22 miles respectively from the Hermitage, should also be visited, and the grand Hochstetter Ice-fall, two miles from the Ball Hut. From the Malte Brun Hut (5,700 feet) some of the finest sunset and sunrise effects in the world are often visible. The Tasman Glacier, with one exception the largest outside the Polar seas, is easily accessible, and walking on it is easy. Competent guides are



HOCHSTETTER ICE FALL,
TASMAN GLACIER



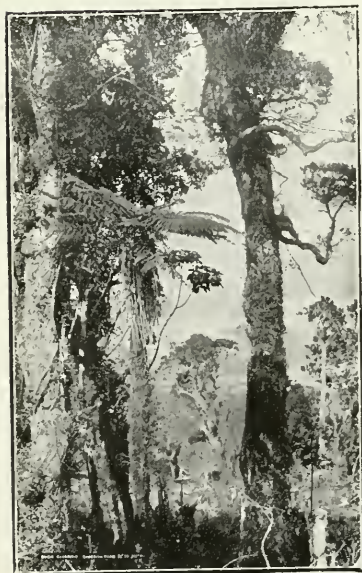


MT. COOK LILY (*Ranunculus lyallii*)

obtainable, and the Government provides bedding and food in the huts. Tourists who don't object to camping out for one night will enjoy the trip to the Murchison Glacier. The flora about Mt. Cook is exceedingly rich and varied, including the Mt. Cook Lily (*Ranunculus lyallii*), the *Senecio lyallii*, several varieties of *Celmisia*, the Edelweiss, and representatives of many other species of Alpine flowers.

A guide may be obtained for 15s., and a horse for 7s. 6d. a day. The tariff at the hotel is 10s. a day. All particulars in reference to charges will be found in the Tourist Department's "Itinerary." The best time of the year for mountaineering is from November to the end of March. After returning to Timaru, the visitor can take the train to Dunedin, and thence visit the cold lakes and fjords of the south; or travel by the very interesting coaching tour direct from Pukaki to Pembroke (Lake Wanaka) and thence to Queenstown (Lake Wakatipu).

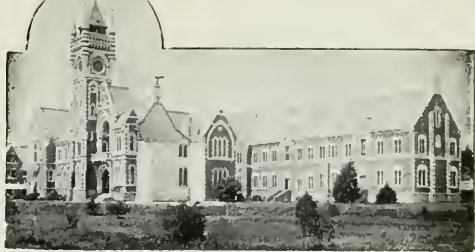
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ON THE
BLUESKIN
ROAD.

Morris, photo

UNIVERSITY,
DUNEDIN



Dunedin

[Any particulars that the tourist may require as to fares, hotels, boarding-houses, etc., may be obtained free at the Government Tourist Enquiry Office.]

Post, Telegraph, and Money Order Offices.—The General Post Office, which is in Princes Street, is open every day except Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Telegraph Office, which is at the corner of Bond and High Streets, is open on week days from 8 a.m. to midnight; on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and on holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to midnight. The money order office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further particulars see Post and Telegraph Guide, price 6d.

Clubs.—The Dunedin, the Otago, and the Commercial Travellers'.

Hotels.—Grand (12/-), Wain's (10/6), Mackenzie's (8/-), City (8/-), Crown (8/-)

Principal Places of Worship.—Anglican—St. Paul's (Cathedral), All Saints', and St. Matthew's; Roman Catholic, St. Joseph's (Cathedral); Presbyterian—Knox Church and First Church; Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist, and a Jewish Synagogue.

Newspapers.—"The Otago Daily Times" (published every morning), "The Evening Star," and "The Witness" (weekly).

DUNEDIN
RAILWAY
STATION





ST. JOSEPH'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CATHEDRAL,
DUNEDIN

Population.—About 58,000.

Conveyances.—Cable trams run up the hills to Morningside, Roslyn, and Kaikorai; the other parts of the city and suburbs have good electric tram services.

Cab Fares.—From Wharf or Railway Station to Hotel or *vice versa*, 2s. each. The fare by the hour is 4s.

Principal Scholastic Institutions.—The Otago University is an excellent institution,

with a good medical school, and professorial and teaching staff in arts, law, science, and medicine. The University also possesses a good reference library and museum. The latter is in Gt. King Street, and will repay a visit. In the same building is the Art Gallery, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are also the Girls' High School and the Boys' High School.

Principal Industries.—The Mosgiel Woollen Mills, which may be visited by the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Morrison, the manager, whose office is in High Street; the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Messrs. Irvine and Stevenson's Preserving Works, Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen's Boot Factory, and many other thriving manufacturing industries. Gold Dredging is also carried on in Otago and on the West Coast to a very considerable extent.

Excursions and Drives.—Landaus, buggies, or drags may be hired at reasonable rates for drives to the many interesting and beautiful show places in the district. A very pretty afternoon's drive is to Ocean



BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, DUNEDIN

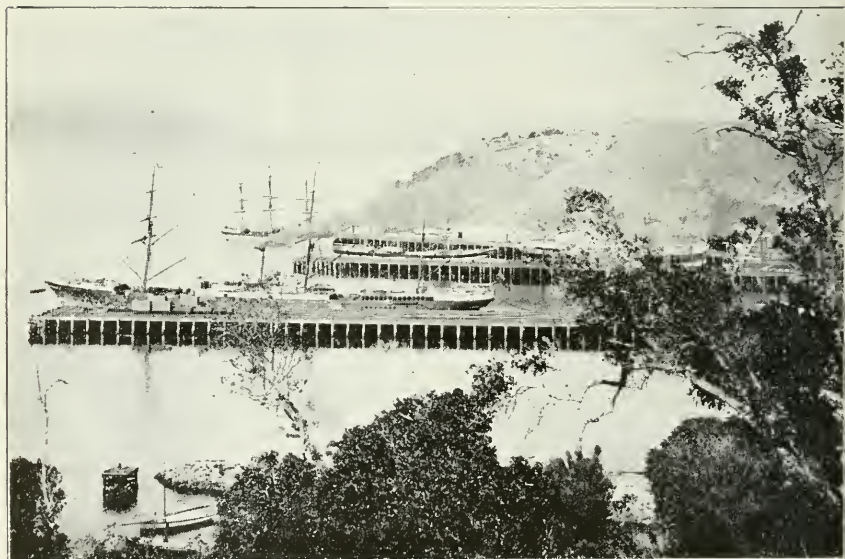


NICHOL'S, CREEK
WATERFALL,
DUNEDIN



DUNEDIN AND OTAGO HARBOUR

Beach, St. Clair, the Town Belt, and Queen's Drive, which should certainly not be missed by the visitor to Dunedin. A delightful day's excursion is to Waitati and back, through Upper Port Chalmers. There are some beautiful peeps of the harbour on the way. Lunch may be enjoyed at the Saratoga Hotel, Waitati, and the party will arrive in Dunedin again



PORT CHALMERS

Morris, photo

in time for dinner. Another pretty drive is to Portobello, along the shores of the harbour. A pleasant excursion is through Woodhaugh to the reservoir and Nichol's Creek waterfalls. A trip by McKegg's oil launch down the Taieri River, from Henley (reached by a short train journey), makes an agreeable day's outing.

Railways.—Trains leave Dunedin every day for Christchurch, Invercargill, the Bluff, and Kingston *en route* for Queenstown and the Cold Lakes of Otago.



LAWYER'S HEAD, DUNEDIN

Guy, photo



ST. CLAIR BEACH, DUNEDIN

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THE REMARKABLES, LAKE WAKATIPU

Malaghan, photo



LAKE MANAPOURI AND THE CATHEDRAL PEAKS

Muir and Moodie, photo



QUEENSTOWN

The Cold Lakes

WAKATIPU

QUEENSTOWN.—(Hotels, Eichardt's and McBride's). The train leaves Dunedin every day for Kingston (174 miles), on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, where a steamer is in waiting to convey the visitor to Queenstown, round which is some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. "Wakatipu," says Mr. Green, "is amazingly beautiful; the only lake in Europe which can surpass it is Lucerne, but to see no more of Wakatipu than is to be seen by a trip to Queenstown and back is to see Lucerne and omit the Bay of Uri." Within easy access of Queenstown there are some exceedingly pretty walks. That to the water-works is about one-and-a-half miles, and the bush scenery thereabouts is very fine. The park provides a convenient and pleasant promenade. A beautiful scenic road along the lake side is being extended to Moke Lake, distance about nine miles. This will be a charming short excursion. The ascent of Ben Lomond (5,747 feet) which generally occupies a day, is accomplished even by ladies. To within 1,500 ft of the summit there is a bridle track, and from



ARROWTOWN



HEAD OF
LAKE
WAKATIPU

there to the top the foothold is good. The panorama from the summit of Ben Lomond is unspeakably fine. From here can be seen the Forbes and Humboldt Mountains, the Shotover Valley, a magnificent view of Mount Harris and the Richardson Ranges, and the aptly named "Remarkables." The Rev. Dr. Waddell appositely quotes from Ruskin's "Modern Painters" the description of the Rochers des Fys, above the Col d'Anterne, and applies it to the Remarkables: "In many spots inaccessible with safety, dark in colour, robed with everlasting mourning, for ever seeming to totter like a great fortress shaken by war, fearful as much in their weakness as their strength, and yet gathered at every slide into darker frown and unhumiliated threatening: for ever incapable of comfort or healing from herb or flower, nourishing no root in their crevices, touched by no hue of life on buttress or ledge; knowing no shaking of leaves in the wind, nor of grass beside the stream—no motion

except that of the shivering shale and the dreadful crumbling of atom from atom in their corrupting stone." "Such," says the Doctor, "is the Remarkables—a waste of weary jagged precipices frowning down upon the blue depths of the water, and darkening



SHOTOVER
BRIDGE

PEMBROKE,
LAKE
WANAKA



Muir and Moodie, photo

nigh 8,000 feet of the blue depth of heaven." Almost magnificent view of the whole country can be obtained from the summit of the Remarkables, the ascent of which can be made in a day, if an early start is made. Other delightful trips are those to Arrowtown *via* the Frankton Falls at the outlet of Lake Wakatipu, and returning by Arthur's Point; Skipper's Point road (an easy day), well worth seeing for its rugged grandeur; Collins' Bay *via* the back of Bayonet Peaks and down Lochy river to Half-Way Bay; this trip takes one day, the steamer puts the traveller off at Collins' Bay, and calls for him late in the afternoon at Half-Way Bay. A guide, horses, or conveyances can be had at reasonable rates.

The trip to Pembroke, Lake Wanaka, over the Crown Range, is full of interest. A sail up Lake Wanaka will be found delightful. Weeks could easily be spent here in exploring the beauties of the district. There is very fine red-deer-stalking around Lakes Hawea and Wanaka.

The steamer trip to the head of Lake Wakatipu is full of charm. The tourist should if possible spend a week at Glenorchy. From Glenorchy, Paradise or Diamond Lake—a most delectable spot—may be visited.



CLINTON VALLEY
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DIAMOND
LAKE,
PARADISE,
WAKATIPU





MOUNT EARNSLAW, 9,209 FEET

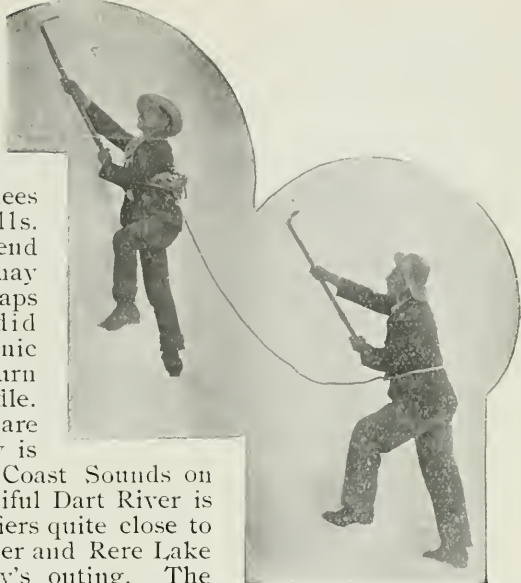
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LAKE WANAKA

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A very pretty drive is to Rees Valley and Lemnox Falls. Those who wish to ascend Mt. Earnslaw (9,300 feet) may obtain guides, horses, and traps at Glenorchy. A splendid week's outing for a picnic party is to the Routeburn Valley and Lake Harris Saddle. The difficulties in the way are but slight, and the scenery is equal to that of the West Coast Sounds on a smaller scale. The beautiful Dart River is near by, and there are glaciers quite close to the valley. The Capels River and Rere Lake are lovely places for a day's outing. The visitor who wishes to go through to Martin's Bay via Hollyford River, lands at Greenstone. There are huts and grass paddocks all the way at convenient distances, and there is something new and enchanting at every turn.



ALPINE CLIMBERS

LAKE TE ANAU AND MILFORD SOUND

There is a track from Mt. Nicholas to the Te Anau road, via Mavora Lakes; or the tourist may return to Kingston, thence to Lumsden, and take the coach to Te Anau. Te Anau is the largest lake in the South Island. It is 42 miles long, and from one to six miles broad. The Government Tourist Department has a good hotel at the foot of the lake (terminus of the coach road), and a comfortable accommodation house ("Glade House") at the head. There is a steamer on the lake, and the beauties of Te Anau can be seen from her deck. The scenery is not so grandly rugged as at Lake Wakatipu, but it has

a beauty all its own. The mountains surrounding the lake are densely wooded, "and the green sheen of



KAWARAU
FALLS



REES VALLEY
SHOWING
MT. ANSTEAD,
HEAD OF
LAKE WAKATIPU

Malaghan, photo

the forest," as Dr. Waddell observes "crowned with the gleaming snow above. makes up a picture which, for extent and loveliness, is unsurpassed." From the head of the lake, a track leads via the beautiful

Clinton Canyon to Sutherland Falls and Milford Sound (30 miles), and the country passed through is unequalled, for wealth of magnificent scenery in any country in the world. Even the beauties of the Yosemite Valley sink into comparative insignificance when compared with the inexpressibly lovely Canyon of the Clinton, and the Sutherland Falls (1,904 feet) are amongst the highest in the world, if not the highest large waterfall known. There are Government shelter-huts, well supplied with food and bedding, at convenient intervals along the track, with residential



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GLENDHU ARM, LAKE WANAKA

cooks and Government guides to attend to travellers. There is an accommodation house (Sutherland's) at the head of Milford Sound; an oil launch is available for excursions round this splendid fjord.

LAKE MANAPOURI

From Te Anau there is a vehicle road to Lake Manapouri (12 miles). This is the loveliest of all the lakes. Almost entirely surrounded by mountains, studded with countless wooded islands, and indented with lovely little bays, Manapouri, or perhaps more correctly Manawa-popore—the lake of the “throbbing heart”—is a dream of beauty, a joy for ever. There is a Government steam launch on Manapouri, which can be engaged to explore the beauties of the lake itself and also go six miles down the Waiau River, where there is splendid fishing. From here a vehicle road leads to Otautau railway station (one day), whence train may be taken for Invercargill.

Months, aye years, could be spent in this wonderful country, and there would still remain undiscovered beauties. How very few of those who visit Queens-



SAFE OR
HAPPY COVE,
LAKE TE ANAU



LAKE MANAPOURI

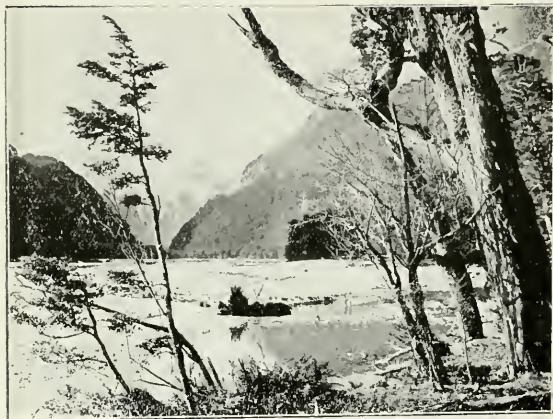
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town see the real glories of the surrounding country! Tourists should allow themselves at least a month for the Lakes and Sounds trip. A very large book might easily be written about the Cold Lakes, but these wondrous glories must be seen; no man living could do justice to them. All the writer can do is to beg of the visitor not to leave Maoriland without spending at least a month about Wakatipu, Manapouri, Te Anau and Milford Sound.

McKINNON'S
PASS,
CLINTON
VALLEY



Morris, photo



ROUTE BURN
VALLEY



DART VALLEY,
FROM PARADISE



HUMBOLDT
MOUNTAINS

GEORGE
SOUND



The West Coast Sounds

No visitor to Maoriland in January should miss the U.S.S. Company's excursions to the Sounds. No more delightful trip could be imagined than the excursion round the coast to Milford Sound, and thence back overland to the Sutherland Falls, Lakes Te Anau, Manapouri, and Wakatipu.

On seeing a portrait of John Milton, Dryden wrote:—

Three poets in three distant Ages born,
Greece, Italy, and England did adorn.
The first in loftiness of thought surpassed,
The next in majesty, in both the last.
The force of Nature could no further go:
To make a third she joined the former two.

This figure might well be applied to the three countries, Norway, Switzerland, and Maoriland. Nature made the noble fjords of Norway, the beautiful lakes and majestic mountains of Switzerland, and then as her force could go no further, to make the fjords and

LAKE
ADA,
MILFORD
SOUND





MITRE PEAK, MILFORD



PEMBROKE PEAK, MILFORD SOUND

Morris, photos



THE ARTHUR RIVER,
MILFORD SOUND

lakes and mountains of Maoriland she joined the former two. Well may the visitor, overcome by "the might, the majesty of loveliness" of these ineffable works of the great architect, exclaim:—

O beauty,

Till now I never knew thee!

The trip to the Sounds lasts about ten days, and as they are close together the steamer reposes most of the time on the calm bosom of these land-locked fjords. There are altogether thirteen sounds from Preservation Inlet to Milford. It is useless to attempt a description. It would be "to paint the lily." The scenery is indescribably grand, and as Goethe has well said, "Beauty is a hovering, shining, shadowy form, the outline of which no definition holds." Majesty is here in repose: there is but little of the contrast noticeable in other parts of New Zealand; but as Ruskin wisely observes, "Contrast increases the splendour of beauty, but it disturbs its influence; it adds to its attractiveness, but diminishes its power."



In George Sound a regatta is held, and throughout the trip the evenings are enlivened by concerts and dances. Professional musicians are engaged for each excursion, and the captain and officers spare no pains to minister to the pleasure of tourists.



BOWEN FALLS,
MILFORD SOUND



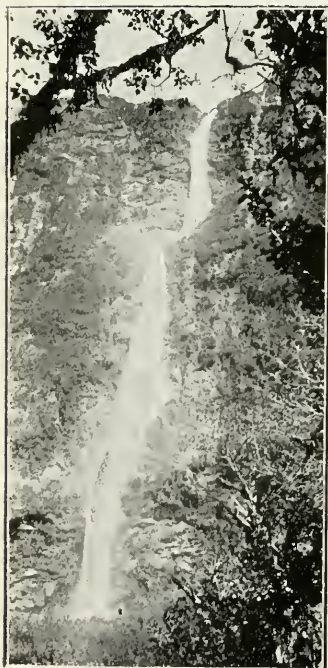
VIEW FROM
HARRISON'S COVE,
MILFORD SOUND

Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound are remarkable for their lovely wooded islands and their labyrinthine inner shore-line.

Milford Sound is the most sublime of all the New Zealand Fjords. It is about 10 miles in length, confined for the whole of its winding course between stupendous cliffs. In some places these vast precipices rise vertically for at least *three-quarters of a mile*, and slope back therefrom to snowy peaks. Mitre Peak is over 5500 feet above the Sound; Mt. Pembroke is 6710 feet high and is belted with glaciers. Near the head of Milford Sound is Mt. Tutoko (9042 feet), from which issues a splendid glacier.

The vegetation—pines, flowering littoral plants, ferns, palms, etc.—in Milford and the other Sounds is semi-tropical in its wonderful luxuriance. Another great beauty of the Sounds is the myriad waterfalls.

If the visitor has the time, he should make arrangements to journey overland from Milford Sound to the Sutherland Falls, and along the delightful Clinton Valley to Te Anau; he should travel by steamer up this lake, visit Lake Manapouri, and see the beauties surrounding the head of Lake Wakatipu; and then journey to Queenstown, Lakes Wanaka, and Hawea. The trip can be continued by vehicle from Wanaka, over the Lindis Pass, to Mount Cook, (138 miles). The whole itinerary here outlined forms the most perfectly enchanting trip in any part of the world.



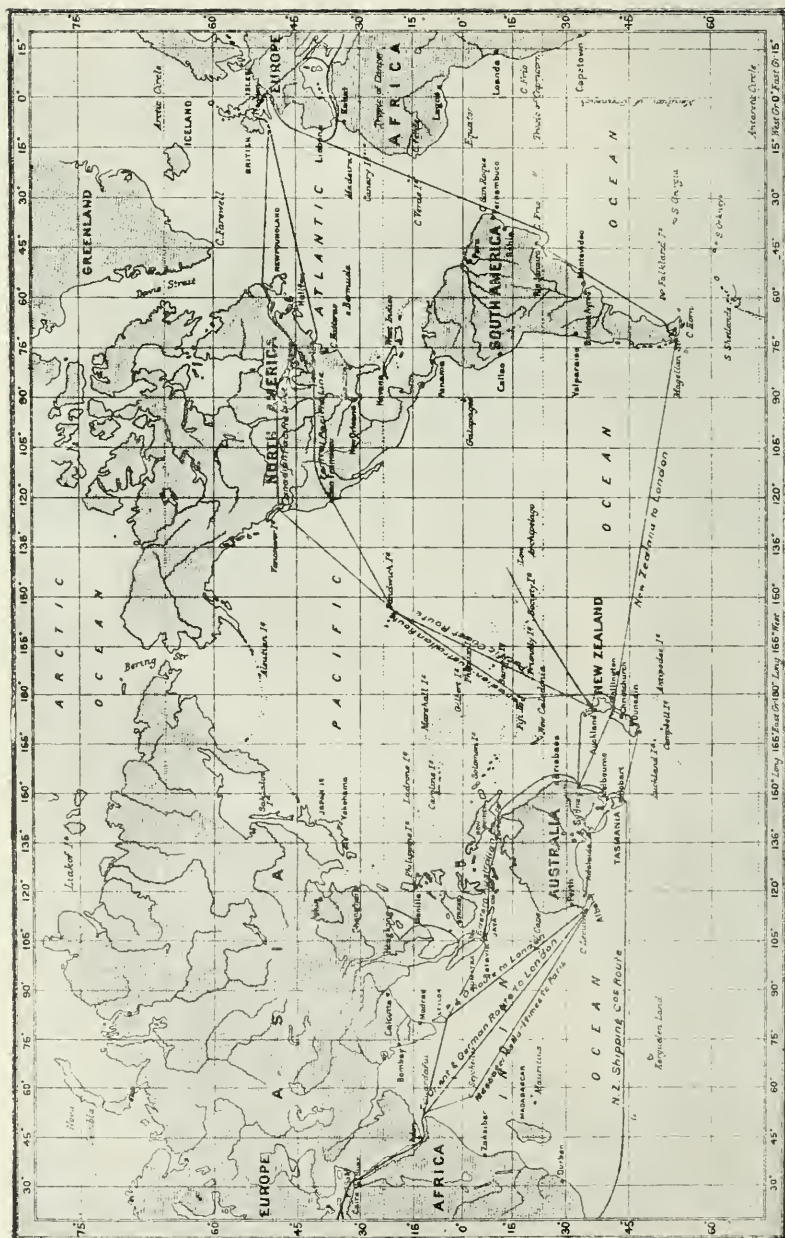
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THOMPSON'S COVE, THE NECK, STEWART ISLAND

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Stewart Island

After returning either to Dunedin or Invercargill, if the trip from Milford Sound is made overland, or to the Bluff if the return is made by steamer, the tourist may spend a week very pleasantly at Stewart Island. A steamer runs from the Bluff; distance 22 miles. There are boats to be hired at Half Moon Bay to visit the pretty bays and inlets round the coast. Paterson Inlet, Horse-shoe Bay, and Port William are within easy access of Half Moon Bay, and as these are on the sheltered side of the Island, the water is generally calm. Paterson Inlet is a beautiful island-dotted har-



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GLORY COVE, STEWART ISLAND



bour, with many enticing picnic spots. There are also some pretty walks in the bush, through pines, miro, totara, and rata; the bright crimson blossoms of the latter are exceedingly fine in summer, and their showiness is greatly enhanced by their sombre setting. There is good sport for the gun—pigeons, kaka, ducks, teal, and mutton-birds, are plentiful.

Oysters are found in great quantities round the coast, and are also obtained outside by dredging. Stewart Island oysters are sent all over New Zealand, and large quantities are shipped to Australia. At Half-Moon Bay there are some four hundred inhabitants; many are engaged in the fishing industry. There is ample accommodation for visitors, and the tariff is exceedingly moderate. The climate is very mild and salubrious, and as a health and pleasure resort the island is becoming very popular.

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Sport in New Zealand

TROUT-FISHING.—Very few countries present better opportunities for sport than New Zealand. In trout-fishing and deer-stalking it offers unrivalled attractions to the traveller. For the expenditure of £1 on a license fee the angler can fish all the streams in the colony, and obtain the best trout-fishing in the world. There are hundreds of rivers and lakes in New Zealand bountifully stocked with trout, chiefly Californian rainbow and English brown trout. The fish attain a much larger size than those in the Northern Hemisphere, and it is estimated that on the average they weigh five times as much as trout in English and Scottish waters. In the many swift-running streams they are exceedingly game and afford the angler magnificent sport. Starting from the north the angler will find in the waters of the Auckland province abundant fishing. Chief amongst these are Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti, with the numerous clear streams which flow into these lakes. All these waters swarm with rainbow trout. During the 1905-1906 season, it is estimated close on forty tons of fish were taken from Rotorua, Rotoiti and Tarawera lakes and adjacent streams; in the following year about 50 tons were taken. This region is without doubt the angler's paradise. The best of fly fishing is to be had within a very short distance of Rotorua town, and trolling from oil-launches on the Lake is a very popular method of trout-catching,



RAINBOW TROUT
TAKEN AT
LAKE ROTORUA

often resulting in phenomenal "takes." Further south, the Waikato River and its tributaries, especially about Atiamuri and Lake Taupo, afford excellent fishing. The Rangitaiki and its affluents, on the borders of the Urewera Country (a day's drive from Rotorua) are beautiful angling waters, and on the other side of the Urewera Mountains, accessible from Wairoa (Hawke's Bay) is Lake Waikaremoana, very well stocked with rainbow trout. Like those of Rotorua, the trout caught in Waikaremoana often scale from 12 to 20 pounds, and monsters weighing up to 25 pounds are not infrequent. On the West Coast, the numerous shingly rivers flowing from the slopes of Mt. Egmont abound in fish, and there is particularly good sport at the mouths of some of these streams with the big sea-run trout. In the Wellington province there are scores of good fishing streams accessible by railway and coach. Crossing Cook Strait, the angler will find remarkably fine sport in the trout-streams of Nelson and Marlborough, the best of which are easily fished from the towns of Nelson and Blenheim. Further south the great rivers of Canterbury provide the angler with ideal fishing; the trout are plentiful and large and show great "fight." Close to the mouths of the Rangitata, Ashburton, Rakaia, Waitaki, and other rivers there is matchless angling when the streams are not discoloured by the melting of the Alpine snows. Otago and Southland are beautiful fishing districts, with innumerable clear streams coursing through the grassy plains and winding round the tussocky hills. Here all the best angling waters are easily reached by train from Dunedin or Invercargill. Even in the remote interior of the Sounds Country, between the great lakes and the West Coast fiords, the angler may ply rod and line, along the Clinton River and in Lake Ada, surrounded by scenery grand beyond description. The fishing season throughout the colony is from November to April. Full information regarding fishing-waters, etc., is readily supplied to anglers on application at any of the offices of the Tourist Department, and a list of fishing-streams,

together with means of access and nearest accommodation, will be found in the Department's "Itinerary of Travel."

The sea-fishing is exceedingly fine, especially in such sheltered waters as the Hauraki Gulf, the Marlborough Sounds, and the harbours and bays of Stewart Island.

DEER-STALKING, too, is to be enjoyed at a minimum of expense, and finer stags' heads are taken from the deer-forests of the Wairarapa and Hawea than are ever seen in the Highlands of Scotland. The best deer-stalking in the North Island is that in the South Wairarapa district, a rugged region of forest and mountain within easy distance of Wellington by rail and coach. The chief headquarters is Martiuborough. Red deer in thousands roam the hills and bushy valleys between the Wairarapa Valley and the East Coast, and find in this favoured region of abundant feed an even more congenial home than in their ancient Scottish glens. Splendid antlers, often showing a phenomenal growth of horn, are annually obtained here. Some of the best of the herds here are on private lands; permission to stalk must be obtained from the owners. The Haurangi Forest, Government reserve, is now open to stalkers.

In the South Island red deer are to be found amongst other rugged bush localities, around the shores of Lake Rotoiti, reached by train and vehicle from Nelson, and in the rough forest region extending thence to the Wairau Valley, Marlborough. Red deer are more numerous still round the shores of Lakes Hawea and Wanaka, and on the Morven Hills, North Otago. The hilly forest region known as the "Dingle," Lake Hawea, is probably the best shooting district, and provides the stalker with splendid food for his rifle.

Fallow deer abound in the Maungakawa Ranges and adjacent hills, South Auckland, and are to be found in more limited numbers on the lower part of the



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Wanganui River, about fourteen miles from Wanganui town. In the South Island fallow deer are to be shot in some parts of Nelson and Marlborough, and are numerous on the Blue Mountains, near Tapanui, Otago.

The deer-stalking season varies in different districts, but is open generally throughout the colony from the end of February to the end of May. April and May are the shooting months in the Wairarapa and Otago. The license-fees vary from £1 to £5 for the season. Particulars as to seasons, license fees, etc., will be found in the Tourist Department's "Itinerary."

Feathered game is plentiful throughout the colony. Wild pigs, wild cattle, and wild goats afford exciting sport in many bush districts.

All branches of field-sport are to be found flourishing in New Zealand. Horse-racing is naturally a most popular sport in a land noted for its good horseflesh, and hunting and polo are to be enjoyed in many parts of the Dominion. Golf is fast becoming one of the chief out-door diversions of the New Zealander, and the visiting golfer will find excellent links in the vicinity of all the principal cities and towns. Yachting is another pastime dear to the water-loving Maorilander, particularly in the Auckland district, where the yachtsman has in the Hauraki Gulf, with its innumerable bays, estuaries, and islands, probably the best smooth-water cruising ground south of the Line.





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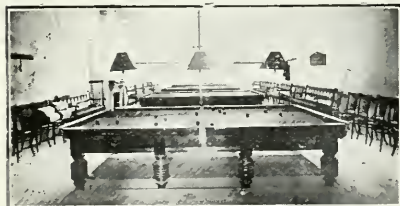
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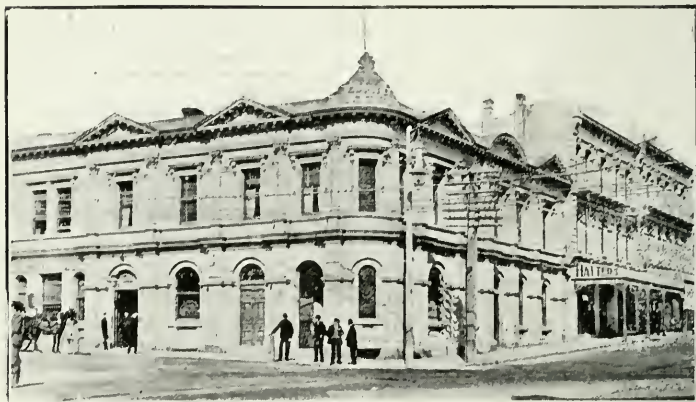


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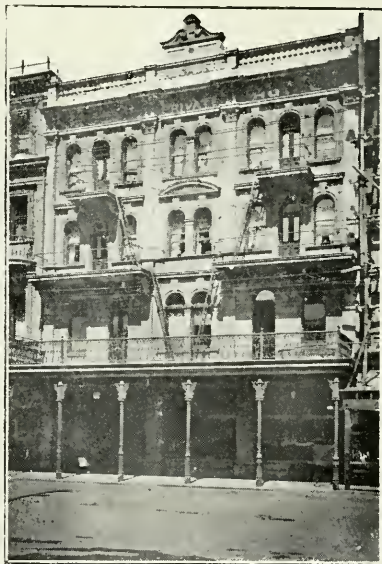
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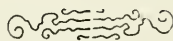


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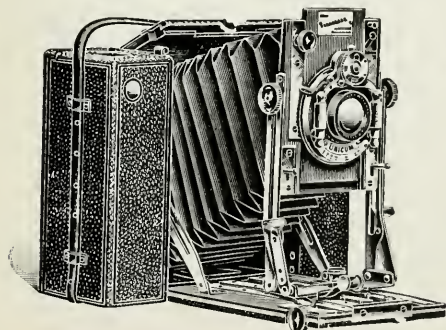
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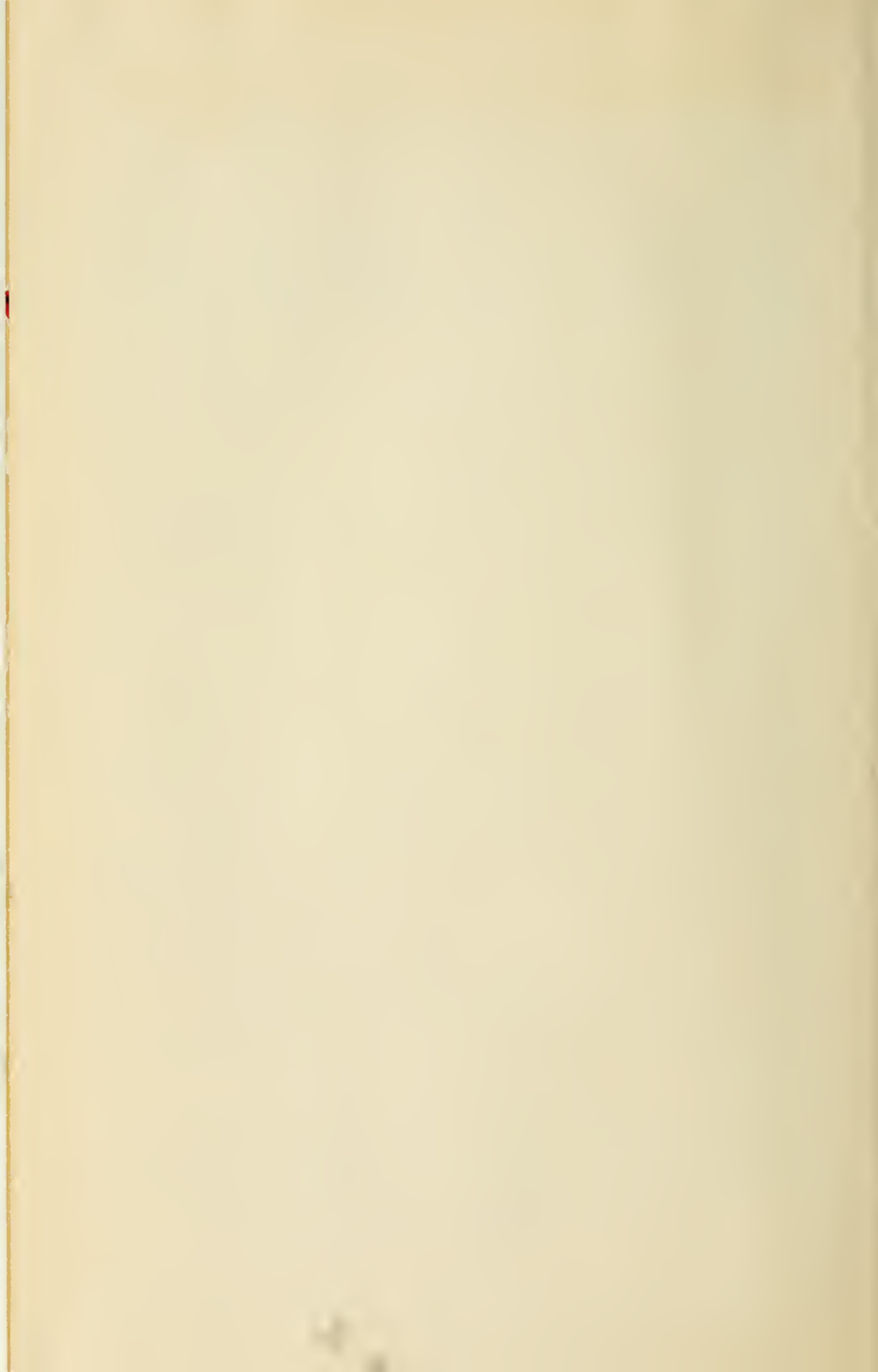
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